



## Meeting Minutes - January 12, 2009

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Nockamixon Historic Commission was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on January 12, 2009, at the Township Municipal Building by Chair J. MacFarland.

**Present:** Chair J. MacFarland, T. Fritz, H. Nast, M. Shafer

### **A. Approval of Agenda**

None available

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were not yet available.

### **C. Open Issues**

J. MacFarland said he was unable to make it to the Supervisors meeting in Dec. due to inclement weather. He was going to give an account of our progress so far with storage room for artifacts, schoolhouse projects, etc. He ended up later having private conversations with a few of the individual supervisors to cover same and asked whether we had gotten into the budget as a line item, and they unofficially indicated support though we don't have a line item yet.

### **D. New Business**

#### **Other historical organizations**

H. Nast showed the welcome package she received as a new member of the Haycock Historical Society. M. Shafer said she thinks that Haycock does a good job of welcoming new members.

### **Digital audio recorders**

It was discussed which digital recorders we should get to record oral histories of township residents as part of our preservation effort. M. Shafer brought in the one she uses in her professional writing activities, a Creative Labs Zen Nano. It has recording and mp3 playing capabilities, and retails at a discount there for roughly \$40. It's still available on eBay, but not at a great quantity, which M. Shafer thinks means these models are on the way out, so we'd need to get them soon. She also brought in info about two other possible models. Discussion resolved to have H. Nast try out a MachSpeed Trio, which sells for less than \$20 plus shipping, because she wants one for personal use. If it's good quality and easy to use, we'll order two for the whole committee to use for our oral history project, and submit the invoices to the township for reimbursement.

### **To Do**

- J. MacFarland and M. Shafer need to get together to discuss how to set up an updated GIS mapping system on the new Macintosh donated for NHS use. It runs a newer operating system that won't accommodate the old MapInfo program from the old Mac, but it's much faster at processing computations, etc.
- J. Macfarland asked for volunteers to help him go through the artifacts, documents and other historical materials currently residing in the Palisades School District warehouse. Looking specifically for schoolhouse info. T. Fritz and M. Shafer volunteered, depending on when J. M. wishes to perform this activity. Would ideally like to be able to bring
- J. MacFarland shared information about certain design ratios that are present on buildings constructed before 1820-1830, which are not present on more modern buildings. M.S. said that the concept is fascinating and that J.M. might consider putting together a Powerpoint presentation to give to interested community members as a service of our commission.

### **Adjournment**

T. Fritz moved to adjourn, J.M. seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Shafer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Mary Shafer, Acting recording secretary