

Morris County Heritage Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

(Conference Call via Zoom)

Present: Chair Kathy Murphy, Vice Chair Larry Fast, Treasurer Epsey Farrell, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek, Amery Vasso; Director Peg Shultz, History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci, and Archives Technician Amanda Hefferan

Absent/Excused: John Dunado, Carol Barkin

Call to Order: Chair Kathy Murphy called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

Chair's Report:

- Chair Murphy has remained in touch with Director Peg Shultz throughout the COVID-19 quarantine-at-home period. Ms. Shultz kept her updated with possible return to work dates and county advisories.

Office Report:

- Director Peg Shultz updated the Commissioners on potential soft opening dates for MCHC staff and the Morris County Library. All potential starting dates are unofficial at this time.
- The June Commission meeting will be held either via Zoom or conference call, dependent upon staff returning to the offices at the Morris County Library.
- The Heritage email account cannot be accessed from home at this time.

Subcommittee Reports:

Grants/Re-Grants: Re-grant contracts can be received via email during the out-of-office period. Payments vouchers will begin to be processed upon receiving signed and completed contracts. Some contracts may be in "limbo" state as a result of limited email access. They will be processed as soon as possible.

Public Programs/Exhibits: 50th- anniversary programming will most likely be postponed for the remainder of the year and be rescheduled if possible in 2021.

Publications: Articles and Images for future newsletters were discussed. Topics were brought up regarding online editions of future newsletters in response to Covid-19, along with a special 50th -anniversary edition newsletter.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Palatucci
History Program Development Specialist