

## **Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 2:00pm

**Present:** Dr. Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Mr. Peter Wenner (Secretary), Mr. David McIntosh (Board Member), Ms. Jackie Ebersole (Board Member), Mr. Bruce Funk (Board Member), Mr. John Faith (Board Member), Mr. Tim Wilson (Board Member), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest)

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
  - Tim reported on two display options presented Imagination Center:
    - The board is leaning to pop-up option for \$2,000 because it is wider and we need a horizontal form factor.
    - For photography, the vendor needs to receive 300 DPI scans of original photos for production.
    - The board will attempt to locate originals and John F. volunteered to scan the photos.
  - Distinguished Citizens luncheon:
    - The board agreed that a 3-column ad at \$306 would be best for getting the word out to the public about buying tickets for the event. We can cover that from our event budget. Peter and Wayne are collaborating on verbiage for the ad, which is due by July 15.
    - Buck Musser has ordered the commemorative pins at his expense.
- History Discussion:
  - The board reviewed the 2005 Brunswick Citizen article on the history and demolition of Clarendon Farm in Petersville, which was originally owned by the Ferrell and later the Remsburg families, before it sat abandoned for years.
  - Wayne reported that Joe Wilson from the local Veterans Association has contacted the board about a list of Brunswick military veterans who can receive placement of markers on their headstones.
  - Berlin in Civil War appeared in the July issue of the Brunswick News-Journal. There is a display at the Frederick library on the role of Frederick in the Civil War.
  - Leonard Smith:
    - Per George Washington's journal, the Captain John Smith with whom he joined for breakfast at his home in Berlin has been confirmed as Leonard Smith's son.
    - Prior to Berlin in 1787, Smith laid out Jefferson as "New Town" in 1774.
  - Brunswick election wards:
    - The establishment of three wards in Brunswick, with two councilmen each, was passed in 1894.
    - Since there were no candidates for some wards, the ward system was discontinued in 1973, although it was reconsidered under Carroll Jones' time as mayor.
  - 1890 Baltimore Sun article about the new freight yard in Brunswick.
  - Newberry owner Michelle Lee briefly joined the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.