

Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 10, 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. Buck Musser (Guest), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest), Mr. Clair Ebersole (Guest), Ms. Amy Grimm (Guest)

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
 - Distinguished Citizens luncheon:
 - Buck told us that the pins are ready.
 - Peter submitted materials for a 3-column display ad to promote the event to the public in the Brunswick News-Journal August issue.
 - A commemorative sign may be in order for the offspring of the famous Wye Oak planted by Councilman Barger in the 1970s. It's located behind the City Park building.
 - Wayne is providing Joe Wilson with names of Revolutionary and Civil War veterans at the Berlin Cemetery for the placement of military grave markers.
- History Discussion:
 - Amy shared that she is in the process of creating a database of deaths in Brunswick from 1890-1924 and writing up the most interesting stories about what life was like in the area during those times.
 - The first installment is the story of Peter Weiskircher, a transplant to the region from Pennsylvania, who opened a saloon on Knoxville Road (near what was the eastbound yard) and was tragically killed as the result of a bar fight.
 - Timeline additions (dates to be verified):
 - 1897: First fire equipment purchased
 - 1910: Volunteer fire department established on W. Potomac Street (was temporarily located on Delaware Avenue in mid-1940s while new fire hall was built)
 - 1969: Brunswick Potomac Foundation
 - 1973: B&O became the Chessie System
 - 1980: Chessie Systems becomes CSX
 - 1980: YMCA fire
 - 1988: Brunswick Shopping Center
 - 1989: First library on N. Maple Avenue
 - 2011: New library replacement on N. Maple

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.