

# Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 2:00pm

**Present:** Dr. Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Mr. David McIntosh (Board Member), Mr. Tim Wilson (Board Member), Mr. Bruce Funk (Board Member), Mr. John Faith (Board Member), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest), Ms. JoEllen Fisher (Guest), Buck Musser (Guest), Michelle Lease (Guest), and Amy Grimm (Guest, via Zoom). Also, Mr. John Caves (City Council Liaison). Joined us via Zoom at the end the meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
  - Special presentation: Michelle Lease presented the History Commission with a scrapbook dated 1917 and containing newspaper clippings from Lavenia Hood. She found this at a bookstore that was having a close-out sale.
  - SpringFest is next week (Sat, May 31, 10-5). Tim has display prepared and passed around a sign-up list for volunteers to be there.
  - Facebook: Send submissions to Wayne who will forward them to John F. for posting.
  - Distinguished Citizens
    - Most bio's have been written and sent to John C. for final editing
    - We will be encouraging public attendance (at \$20 per person to pay for the lunch)
    - Buck Musser is working on design for commemorative lapel pins. He will submit a draft for us to review.
  - Microfilming of The Brunswick Citizen. We need two volunteers to go to the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore to see exactly what issues they are missing, before sending those issues to them from our collection.
  - Information for Kim Weddle sign. Lauren has made contact with Kim's mother, so we no longer need to supply her with information.
- History:
  - We have pictures of the inside of the Berlin House (aka Snoots House, aka Oldham House, aka the "Blue" House) documenting walls made of logs. Due to the deteriorated state of these walls, they cannot be preserved, but there are plans to display a section of the wall behind plexiglass.
  - Wayne has been able to determine the SW cornerstone of the original 1787 survey of Berlin. It is located just above the parking lot under the bridge.

- Dave is working on creating a map of Leonard Smith's 201 ½ acres, which included the 24 acres of Berlin.
- Date of Berlin's first warehouse on the canal: Still to be determined. Will discuss later.
- Main topic of discussion today: Berlin/Brunswick in 1890.
  - Why did the B&O need to move from Martinsburg?
  - Why did they select Berlin?
  - How did they acquire property in Berlin?
  - Where did the name "Brunswick" come from?

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Allgaier, Chair