

Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

The THM Board of Directors met at City Hall on Monday, August 9.

- 1. Tontitown Grape Festival and Reopening** -- We were so excited to welcome over 70 visitors to the museum during the Tontitown Grape Festival. It was wonderful to share the museum with guests again.

Our plans were to reopen THM with regular hours beginning Friday, August 13. However, with the recent increase in COVID Delta variant cases and hospitalizations, we are reconsidering our opening plan. The THM building is small with limited social distancing options. We are discussing requiring masks and special appointments for all visitors to help ensure the safety of Museum Assistant Pam Herron and our visitors.

- 2. THM Porch Decks Rebuild** -- The museum front and back porch decks are aged and need to be replaced. We are fortunate to have Boy Scout Christopher Guy of Troop 81 offer to rebuild both decks as his Eagle Scout project. Christopher's Troop has participated in several woodworking projects and his grandfather is a carpenter. The museum will purchase materials and Christopher, with the help of Troop 81 Scouts, will provide the labor. We are currently reviewing design plan options.

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is yet to be scheduled. Due to Labor Day on September 6, our meeting will be Monday, August 30 or Monday, September 13 at 6 pm at City Hall.

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