

MINUTES
BEERSHEBA SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
May 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Susan Snow, president.

Everyone introduced themselves and their connection with Beersheba.

Tour of Homes during the Arts and Crafts Fair 50th year scheduled for August 27-28, 2016, was discussed. Bunny Hall has agreed to chair the Tour of Homes Committee. The question was raised if we wanted to charge for the tour. The motion was made by John Greeter and seconded by Jean Garrett that we charge and tickets can be sold at the Historical Society Booth. It was unanimous that we charge. It was suggested that we only include homes within walking distance. Brief commentary needs to be developed. Even though a few people might need to ride because of health, they would provide their own transportation. More decisions will be made as time draws near.

Jean Garrett asked that everyone be thinking about helping with the Historical Society Booth so that everyone will be able to also attend the Fair.

Sam Baggett gave a report on the State of TN purchase of Shady Valley Nursery. Sam stated that the appraisal was not as much as the owner(s) asked and donations have been committed to make up the difference. The community is suggesting that the caretaker, Ray Perry, be retained by the State to keep the grounds and Tera Armistead, Landscape Architect, be retained to look at the property to see which trees should be kept where they are, moved, or disposed of to be in keeping with what the State would want. Sam said that the community will have input on their ideas of what they want for the Park. The entrance will be on Highway 56.

Sam Baggett also stated that Big Creek Utility will have rights to the water in case of drought conditions. For this they will pay \$500,000 of the purchase price.

Attached is the report that Sam Baggett handed out regarding the Purchase and State Park. Sam then took those who were interested on a tour of the Shady Valley property.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Garrett