

# Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township



August 9, 2018

Mr. John Jablowski, Jr.  
Tobyhanna Township Manager  
Township of Tobyhanna  
105 Government Center Way  
Pocono Pines, PA 18350

John,

Thanks so much for your interest for Tobyhanna Township to possibly fund, through donation to MATT, the DL&W Railroad Historical Roadside Marker.

Built in 1856, the DL&W travels through Tobyhanna Township today, with its closed station behind Cramer's in Coolbaugh Township. During its passenger service heyday, it brought thousands of tourists to our township's resorts, and served our commerce for exporting of farm products. Today it is a vehicle for deliveries of grain from Canada to the mill just off of Route 940.

We have mutual interest to locate this somewhere in that vicinity. Since east of I-380 seems to be out of sight-out of mind and not recognized as being Tobyhanna Township, this could certainly help to open up that identity.

The cost of a marker is still \$1500.00. MATT's procedure is as follows:

1. Complete the enclosed donor form and submit to MATT with the donation.
2. Suggest a specific location for the marker, to be approved by MATT.
3. MATT and the donor work together to secure permission for the site from its owner, executing our easement agreement (enclosed).
4. MATT will then create the text of the marker, and request approval by the donor and site owner.
5. The maker is then ordered from the manufacturer.

MATT has been careful to follow this sequence, to ensure a satisfactory result for all parties, and not get stuck or hung up in the middle, with a marker already manufactured.

We appreciate your interest to pursue this.

Sincerely,

*Rick Bodenschatz*

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# Historical Roadside Marker Project

.....from the Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township

August 9, 2018

Dear John:

The history of our community, Tobyhanna Township, is remarkable. Through a Historical Roadside Marker project, we are educating residents and visitors while preserving our history. At the same time, our community pride will continue to grow while we derive economic benefits from the project.

The Township of Tobyhanna can play a very important role in this community-wide project. Each Historical Roadside Marker will be funded by contributions from our community. With your donation of \$1,500.00, you can select your historical topic, and be permanently recognized with your name below the historical text on the Marker. Markers of this type normally have a life in excess of 50 years.

Our various committees will research and write the text of your chosen historical topic, work with you to determine and arrange for an appropriate site for its installation, and prepare for a dedication ceremony upon installation. Of course, all of this will all be coordinated with mutual agreement by you and our volunteers. This entire process will be initiated upon receipt of your donation.

Please complete the below section, tear it off, make a copy for yourself and mail it with your donation. Or call me at 570-580-5353. I will be pleased to arrange to pick it up from you.

I appreciate what you are doing for the community of Tobyhanna Township.

Sincerely,

*Rick Bodenschatz*

Rick Bodenschatz

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Please accept our donation of \$1,500.00 for a Historical Roadside Marker. The topic associated with this donation shall be \_\_\_\_\_. Describe a suggested location for installation: \_\_\_\_\_. Donor recognition line on bottom of the Marker shall read: (36 spaces)\_\_\_\_\_.

(36 spaces including letters, spaces, commas, etc.)

Please make your check payable to *Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township*. If mailing the check, mail to: P.O. Box 2084, Pocono Pines, PA 18350. The Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township (HATT) is the fiduciary custodian of the funds for the Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township. HATT is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORIC MARKER EASEMENT AGREEMENT

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of \_\_\_\_\_, the owner (the "Owner") of property located at \_\_\_\_\_

(the "Property") agrees to allow the permanent construction of a historical marker (the "Marker") on this Property, and Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township, a volunteer association, ("MATT") agrees to accept responsibility for the monitoring and maintenance of said Marker. MATT and Owner agree that the Marker is being erected for the purpose of sharing Tobyhanna Township, Pennsylvania's history with the general public and both MATT and Owner agree to make said Marker fully accessible to the general public.

MATT has notified the Owner as to the subject text of and proposed site for said Marker and agrees that this subject text and site is acceptable. It is understood that the Marker will not be moved, removed or altered in any way without prior written consent of MATT. It is further understood that the Owner shall notify MATT of major damage or vandalism to the Marker, or in the event the Marker is missing. If the Marker requires maintenance, the Owner shall contact MATT, or its successor(s).

Subject of Marker: \_\_\_\_\_

MATT reserves the right as the organizer of the historical marker program to determine policy for the maintenance and upkeep of the Marker. MATT, or its successor, shall be responsible for repositioning and repainting said Marker, as it deems necessary. MATT, or its successor, shall repair any damage or neglect of the Marker as soon as practicable upon noticing or being notified of said damage, at no cost to Owner.

MATT and the Owner mutually agree to provide either party written notice in the event its/their responsibilities under this Agreement are transferred to a/its successor(s).

MATT, or its successor, and Owner understand that upon sale or transfer of the Property, this agreement shall also be transferred and honored as a binding easement on the Property for the said Marker. It is the Owner's responsibility to notify the future owner of the Property about this easement and agreement.

Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township:

Property Owner:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_