



# Springfield Township Historical Commission

**February 6, 2024**

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

**HC-38**

Meeting held in the Caucus Room at the Springfield Township Building, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038

**NOTICE:** The Historical Commission of Springfield Township is an advisory board appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The actions of the Historical Commission on any agenda items does not reflect a final decision. The Board of Commissioners must render the final decision on any agenda items

## MEETING ATTENDEES

Name:		Name:	
David Sands	Commission Vice Chair	Baird Standish	Commission Member
Joseph Devine	Commission Member	Peter Wilson	Board of Commissioners
Al Comly	Commission Secretary	Mark Penecale	Staff Liaison

Not present: M Harris, H Killinger

Guests: None

- 1) **Call by Order by the Chairperson**      **Called to order at 6:10 PM by Vice Chair David Sands. Roll was taken and absentees noted. It was noted that Baird Standish has been appointed to fill the current vacancy on the Historical Commission. Also welcomed Commissioner Pete Wilson who sat in on the meeting.**
  
- 2) **Approval of Minutes**      **Meeting HC-37 (January 2, 2024) Motion by D. Sands, second by J Devine-approved**
  
- 3) **Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison:**      **New Liaison has not been officially named. As noted, Pete Wilson attended the meeting.**

**4) Review of Agenda**

Mr. Penecale reported that there were no changes in status relative to Knipe (Willow Grove Ave) or Wild (Manor Road).

**5) Discussion Items and Appropriate Action (“Previous Business” and “New Business” in earlier minutes).**

**HC-38.1** The discussion focused on the follow-up to the presentation to the Board of Commissioners in December, including:

- Provided background to Commissioner Wilson on the HC’s efforts over the last couple of years. Input and insight from Commissioner Standish was very important in this discussion
- Importance of development of any inventory of properties important to the Township. It was noted that Township legal counsel believed that the HC could compile an inventory of properties—it simply cannot be presented as “the list” identified in the historical ordinance.
- Noted the dilemma between the retention of properties of interest versus property rights of the owners of these properties. Intent of the ordinance was never to usurp property rights.
- The Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) is being reviewed now for potential modifications or adjustments. Is it time to consider historic review as part of this process? Mr Penecale will contact the County to determine if there are some guidelines or information as to how this could be done.

**HC-34.1** The Commission discussed the merits of the Pennsylvania Certified Local Government Program (CLG) administered by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). Attached to these minutes are the Guidelines & Procedures for Pennsylvania Communities and checklists relative to the requirements to participate in the CLG. Becoming certified in the CLG program offers opportunities in funding and technical assistance not otherwise available. It was agreed that more discussion was needed and closer review of our current status relative to the requirements would be undertaken.

Update—October 3, 2023 No additional action at this time.

Update—December 5, 2023 No additional action at this time

Update—January 2, 2024 Discussed as an option, but its believed an inventory is a pre-requisite to achieving CLG.

**Update—February 6,2024 No additional information at this time.**

**6) Citizen Comments**

**None**

- 7) **Assignment of Member Action Items**
- Resurrect earlier scoping documents for outside consultant to begin an inventory
  - Mr. Penecale to contact the County regarding possible SALDO input.
- 8) **Agenda for next meeting** *All new agenda items shall be forwarded to Mr. Penecale at least one week prior to scheduled meeting date*
- 9) **Adjournment** Adjournment at 6:50 PM on Motion by Joe Devine, second by David Sands. **Next meeting date will be March 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the caucus room in the Township Building**

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA  
Secretary