



Springfield Township Historical Commission

April 2, 2024

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

HC-40

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

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MEETING ATTENDEES

Name:		Name:	
David Sands	Commission Vice Chair	Heather Killinger-	Commission Member
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

Guests: Allie Artur, Ryan McNair

- 1) **Call by Order by the Chairperson** **Called to order at 6:04 PM by Vice-Chair David Sands. Roll was taken and absentees noted.**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** **Meeting HC-39 (March 5, 2024) Motion by D. Sands, second by J Devine-approved**
- 3) **Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison:** **Commissioner Pete Wilson will be serving as the New Liaison for the Board of Commissioners.**

Commissioner Wilson provided the following update on township activities that could impact the Historical Commission:

- a. Resolution with Morris Arboretum to expand Bloomfield Farms section.
- b. 700-702 Willow Grove Ave approved .
- c. 40-42 Grove Avenue—subdivision issues continue—lawyers will end up working this out.
- d. Authorized transportation and community development for traffic calming and speed reduction on Cheltenham Ave—Montgomery County Planning Commission is working with Springfield & Cheltenham Townships and the City of Phila on this issue.
- e. Grants for historic preservation—Township has been active with grants to date—will continue to look for ones that have potential benefit to township

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-40.1 Discussion of incorporation of preservation review into the SALDO continued, noting comments forwarded by Mr. Harris. Items HC-39.1 and HC-38.1 recorded earlier discussions on the matter—with HC-39.1 below identifying the primary points of that discussion. Summary points in the discussion were:

- a. Working to finalize the matter to have it incorporated in the SALDO
- b. Understanding what requirements would be included for that review. It was noted that this is similar to the review for shade trees, where, if certain conditions existed it would be forwarded to the HC, for example:
 - 1 Property older than 50 years from the date of submittal
 - 2 Property had some significance in or to the township—likely working with the PHMC criteria (architectural style, designer, event location)
 - 3 Were the proposed development to be forwarded to the HC, there would be a reasonable requirement developed as to what information was needed for the HC review—building narrative, history of site, etc.
- c. Mr. Penecale will draft language for inclusion, since research at the County level failed to provide another similar requirement that could be edited for our use.
- d. It was noted that inclusion in the SALDO will result in compliance with the mandated timelines for HC review—meaning that additional meetings or similar arrangement will be necessary for a timely review.

HC-39.1 Discussion focused on items noted in HC-38.1 at the February meeting as to next steps for the Commission, specifically:

- Distilling the various lists to create a listing of the most urgent properties for consideration and potential preservation. Consensus seemed to favor a list of 300 or so properties.
- Next steps should be to follow with the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) review to include historical review of properties

HC-39.2 Haws Lane Carriage House The Commission was asked about the carriage house that currently stands on the Haws Lane site as to whether this would be a candidate for historical review

Update—April 2, 2024 While not discussed in detail, this illustrates a situation that would result in HC review under the proposed SALDO revision.

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.

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6) Citizen Comments

- **The Commission thanked the visitors for their interest and attendance at the meeting.**

7) Assignment of Member Action Items

- **Resurrect earlier scoping documents for outside consultant to begin an inventory.**
- **Mr. Penecale will continue with his draft for the SALDO inclusion**

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 6:58 PM on Motion by Joe Devine, second by David Sands. **Next meeting date will be May 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the caucus room in the Township Building**

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA
Secretary