



# Springfield Township Historical Commission

**November 19, 2024**

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

**HC-44**

Meeting held in the Conference Room at 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	Joseph Devine	Commission Member
Heather Snyder Killinger	Commission Member	Peter Wilson	Board of Commissioners
Mark A. Penecale	Director of Planning & Zoning	Matthew Harris	Commission Chairperson Excused
Al Comly	Commission Member Recording Secretary Excused	Baird Standish Commission Member Excused	

Guests: None

- 1) **Call by Order by Mr. Sands. Called to order at 6:07 PM. Attendance noted by Mr. Penecale.**
- 2) **The Commissioner's Report was provided by Commissioner Wilson:**

- A. The new STOP SIGNS and CROSSWALKS have been installed at the intersection of Haws Lane & Greenhill Road. The Commissioner explained that this was done in compliance with the traffic study prepared by Traffic Planning & Design.
- B. The planning assistance contract has been extended with Montgomery County Planning Commission through 2027.
- C. December 11, 2024, was announced as the date for the final budget hearing.
- D. The Commissioner announced that he expects that a tax increase of as much as 3% will have to be approved to balance the projected 2025 budget.
- E. He announced that the Township has requested bid proposal for Needs Assessment and Master Plan for the Tank Car Property. This is being done through the Parks & Recreation Department.
- F. The Commissioner informed everyone of the adoption of Ordinance #979, an amendment to the Recycling Code of Springfield Township. The word Community Activities has been added. In addition, Resolution #1651 was adopted that allows the Township to submit a grant proposal in the amount of \$50,000 for energy efficiency improvement to the police/administration, library and public works buildings.
- G. He also announced that the Township will be working with Upper Dublin Township to study the connectivity of Pennsylvania Avenue. A study has been approved to review this area.
- H. He announced that the Township that the Township has entered into a lease with Christine Kelly for the final suite at the Black House Inn

**3. Mr. Penecale provided an overview of the projects currently pending on the Planning Commission agenda. He stated the following:**

- A. Kurtz Construction has requested a waiver from the requirements of land development review for the installation of a single story 576 square foot accessory structure in the rear yard area of 1150 Mermaid Lane, Wyndmoor, PA. 19038.
- B. The Schoolhouse at Flourtown has requested a waiver from the requirements of a land development review for the installation of 17 additional parking stalls at 15 W. Wissahickon Avenue, Flourtown, PA 19031. The parking area is proposed to be installed in ground stabilization blocks so as to not increase the impervious coverage on the site.
- C. The application filed in March of 2024 by Mount Saint Joseph Academy is still pending and currently has an extension letter that expires on December 31, 2024. The applicant's attorney has been notified.

**3) Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance Revision:**

- A. The Historical Commission discussed the presentation that is scheduled to be given to the Planning Commission later this evening on the proposed amendment to the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. They reviewed the revision narrative and the submission sheet that has also been

- revised. Mr. Devine revised the narrative prepared by Mr. Penecale to address the concerns raised by the Planning Commission. Mr. Sands and Mr. Devine will be making this presentation this evening.
- B. The Historical Commission voted all in favor of moving forward with the presentation tonight.
  - C. Mr. Sands asked if there has been any movement on the hiring of a professional to work on the inventory list of properties within Springfield Township that are believed to have historical value. This brought on a conversation on the different types of reviews that could be done. Examples included a "Drive-By Review" vs photographs of the property vs a historical review of the use, developer, ownership or architect of the property.
  - D. Mr. Wilson addressed Mr. Sands question about the funding available to hire this professional. Mr. Wilson believes the funding is still available and Mr. Penecale will follow up with the Township Manager.
- 4) Adjournment: The** meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.
- 5)** Next meeting will be December 3, 2024 at 6 PM to continue the discussion on the best means to move forward.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark A. Penecale  
Director of Planning & Zoning  
Springfield Township