



Springfield Township Historical Commission

December 3, 2024

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

HC-45

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:	
Matthew Harris	Commission Chair	Heather Snyder-Killinger	Commission Member
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

- 1) **Call by Order by the Chairperson** **Called to order at 6:08 PM by Chair Matthew Harris.. Roll was taken and absentees noted. Members were reminded that it is their responsibility to follow on term dates and re-appointments.**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** **Meeting HC-44 (November 19, 2024) Motion by D. Sands, second by J Devine-approved. H Snyder-Killinger, A Comly abstained.**

For Clarification—no meeting was held in October due to various issues. November Meeting was late in month instead of its usual time

3) **Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison: Commissioner Liaison Pete Wilson**

Commissioner Wilson noted that the Commissioners had not taken a position on the addition of a historic review as part of the SALDO Sub-Division Land Development Ordinance).

4) **Review of Agenda**

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

It was also noted that other related documents are being considered for updates including the Comprehensive Plan.

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

HC-45.1 SALDO incorporation is in process. Proposed revisions/ SALDO additions were presented to Planning Commission. Main question that surfaced was start date or "trigger date" for historic structure evaluation. Current edit shows the date as 1930. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be preferable to have an adjustable date to self-correct the "trigger date" without needing to modify the SALDO each time. Motion by M Harris, seconded by H Killinger to adjust the date from 1930 to 50 years prior. Passed on voice vote. This will be forwarded to the Planning Commission (this item also closes previous HC-43.1 and HC-42.1

HC-45.2 Next task is to build the inventory of important structures to supplement the SALDO language. This will involve the historical context, using the guidance in the PHMC guidelines. This is another area where retention of a consultant would expedite the process.

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.

Update—May 7, 2024 No additional Discussion

Update—July 2, 2024 No Additional Discussion

Update—September 2, 2024 No Additional Discussion

Update—December 3, 2024 No Additional Discussion

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—March 5, 2024 No discussion
Update—April 2, 2024 No discussion
Update—May 7, 2024 Priority is the SALDO revision at this time.
Update—July 7, 2024 No Change
Update—September 2, 2024 No discussion
Update—December 3, 2024 No Discussion

6) Citizen Comments

- **None**

7) Assignment of Member Action Items

- **Mr. Harris will begin the HC form to accompany the SALDO inclusion of historic structures in the review process. This will be circulated for comment.**

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 6:57 PM on Motion by Joe Devine, second by David Sands. **Next meeting will be January 7, 2025. This will be the “Reorganizaion Meeting”**

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA
Secretary