



Springfield Township Historical Commission

January 7, 2025

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

HC-46

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	Baird Standish	Commission Member
		Peter Wilson	Board of Commissioners
Al Comly	Commission Secretary	Mark Penecale	Staff Liaison

Excused: Harris, Snyder-Killinger, Devine

- 1) Call by Order by the Chairperson Called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice Chair David Sands.. Roll was taken and absentees noted.**

Reorganization for 2025 will be postponed to the February meeting due to attendance.

- 2) Approval of Minutes Meeting HC-45 (December 3, 2024) Motion by D. Sands, second by B Standish-approved.**
- 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). No new information.

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-46.1 Discussion focused on moving forward with the RFP. It was hoped that the Commission could meet with some potential consultants to help prepare a more focused RFP. It was agreed that a letter would go to Township Manager Mike Taylor requesting that authorization (Mr. Comly agreed to do that). Mr Penecale also noted that the township property management software (Trazer) could be used to retain information generated in the inventory process.

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

Update January 7, 2025 The Planning Commission agreed with this revision. It will be incorporated as the reviews progress forward.

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** No activity

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). No Activity

6) **Citizen Comments**

- **None**

7) **Assignment of Member Action Items**

- **Mr. Comly will prepare a draft letter to Mr Taylor requesting the authorization to discuss the potential RFP with possible submitters in a manner that does not Violate township procurement policies.**

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 February 4 2025. This will be the "Reorganizaion Meeting"**

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA
Secretary