



Springfield Township Historical Commission

July 1, 2025 MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

HC-51

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:

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David Sands	Commission Chair	Heather Snyder-Killinger	Commission Member
Pete Wilson	Board of Commissioners		
Al Comly	Commission Secretary	Mark Penecale	Staff Liaison

Excused: Harris, Standish, Devine

- 1) **Call by Order by the Chairperson** **Called to order at 6:07 PM by Chair David Sands.. Roll was taken and absentees noted.**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** **Meeting HC-50 (June 3, 2025) Motion by D. Sands, second by H Snyder-Killinger-approved.**
- 3) **Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison:** **Commission Liaison**

Commissioner Wilson shared that there was a short meeting on June 11, 2025 regarding the development of Willow Grove Ave in Wyndmoor. Encompasses 20,000 square feet with a reported price tag of \$20 million.

Commissioner Wilson also noted that there has been a 2nd public meeting regarding 1725 Walnut Ave—to address neighbors concerns. Planners seem to have done well with this, but concerns remain.

4) Review of Agenda

The primary item for the agenda at this meeting is to discuss the draft RFP for consultant services for the Historical Commission

Mr Penecale also provided some background on the Cellphone tower/ pole material that had been sent to commission members during the month. This material primarily addressed the addition of new poles in 12 locations in the Township.

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

HC-51.1 Cellphone poles. As noted in the Agenda Review, the material was actually for 12 locations. The intent is to add poles—typically utility poles—not towers. Mr. Penecale indicated that all 12 were denied after review on relatively minor issues, but nothing that appeared to require historic review. It was further noted that the addition of cell antennas to existing poles would not fall into historic review mandate. The Historical Commission acknowledged the receipt and the discussion without taking any other action. It was also noted that the Township is investigating the need for a zoning restriction regarding the placement and character of poles/ towers in the future.

HC-51.2 (50.1) Those present at the meeting discussed the RFP that had been drafted by Secretary Comly. It was decided that all members should review the draft at the next meeting with the goal of issuing a document for Township review (Manager, legal, planning commission and commissioners).

The Draft was discussed. There is to be some editing done to clarify the deliverables expected in each "phase". Mr. Comly will make some edits and circulate the revisions, but it was agreed that it was time to move this forward in the internal review 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.

Update February 4, 2025 Nothing additional to report

Update April 1, 2025 Revisions are in process with the Planning Commission. They will then be reviewed by legal, prior to going to the Commissioners and most likely a public hearing regarding the updates

Update June 3, 2025 Being reviewed by the Planning Commission

Update July 1, 2025 Nothing additional to report

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 make the edits in the draft as discussed at the meeting

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 7:00 PM on Motion by Heather Killinger, second by David Sands. **Next meeting will be August 19, 2025—due a conflict with other Township events.**

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA
Secretary