



Springfield Township Historical Commission

November 18, 2025

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

HC-54

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

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MEETING ATTENDEES

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| David Sands | Commission Chair | Joseph Devine | Commission Member |
| Pete Wilson | Board of Commissioners | | |
| Al Comly | Commission Secretary | Mark Penecale | Staff Liaison |
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Excused: Harris, Standish, H Snyder-Killinger

Guest: Bud Cook

- 1) **Call by Order by the Chairperson** **Called to order at 6:09 PM by Chair David Sands.. Roll was taken and absentees noted.**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** **Meeting HC-53 (October 7, 2025) Motion by D. Sands, second by J Devine-approved.**
- 3) **Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison:**
Commissioner Wilson thanked all for their participation
- 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. Cook asked the Commission if there was any information regarding the status of the Carson Valley Property and the school on West Wissahickon Ave.

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

HC-54.1 Mr Comly presented a summary of his review of the 1999 Study and the update of 2002-2003, noting:

- Studies do not cover the entire township. Significant portions of Wyndmoor and Oreland were not included in the report.
- Report is now close to 25 years old—significant changes could have occurred in the interim.
- These studies could still be useful as a starting point for developing an inventory.

Discussion focused on how best to move forward. Developing an inventory is still preferred. Mr. Comly will edit the previous RFP draft to attempt to capture the intent of the Commission.

Reliance on the SALDO revisions was discussed. It was noted that this would only have an impact if the project involved land development. It was agreed that having an overall list would be of value in the consideration of important township buildings.

HC-53.1 (1.2) (50.1) Mr Penecale presented all Commission members with a copy of the Springfield Township Historic Resource Study funded by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Historic Preservation and the Arcadia Foundation. Study is dated 2003.

The discussion focused on several issues relative to using this study in lieu of a consultant generated study. Questions in the past had been raised as to the completeness of the study and the methodologies used in completing what is presented in the binders. All HC members are to review the binders in preparation for a discussion as to how this study could or should be used.

The discussion also covered the value of having the inventory of important buildings against the revisions being added to the SALDO that will essentially make it a requirement to review any building in the SALDO process that is older than 50 years.

HC-45.1 **SALDO incorporation is in process.** Proposed revisions/ SALDO additions were presented to Planning Commission. Now in legal review **no Change**

6) **Citizen Comments**

- Mr Cook asked about the status of the Carson Valley property. To date, the Commission has not received any information regarding the intentions of the property owners. It was suggested that the Township Manager may have more information about the property, but communication has been minimal from the owners.
- It was noted that the Springfield Township Historical Society would at least like to be authorized to take photographs of the site and the buildings, including appropriate interiors before any other actions are taken.

7) **Assignment of Member Action Items**

- Mr Comly will edit the RFP draft

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 6:40 PM on Motion by Joseph Devine, second by David Sands. **Next meeting will be December 2, 2025**

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA
Secretary