



Springfield Township Historical Commission

December 2, 2025 MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

HC-55

Meeting held in the Caucus Room at the 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 Chair	Matthew Harris	Commission Member
Pete Wilson	Board of Commissioners	Heather Snyder-Killinger	Commission Member
Baird Standish	Commission Member	Joseph Devine	Commission Member
Al Comly	Commission Secretary	Mark Penecale	Staff Liaison

Guest: Bud Cook

- 1) Call by Order by the Chairperson Called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair David Sands.. Roll was taken and absentees noted.
- 2) Approval of Minutes Meeting HC-54 (November 18, 2025) Motion by D. Sands, second by A Comly-approved.
- 3) Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison:
Commissioner Wilson thanked all for their participation. He noted that his replacement has not yet been identified.

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

The Historical Commission thanked Commission Member Heather Synder-Killinger who is leaving the Commission at the end of the year, wishing her all the best as she moves on to other things.

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

HC-55 (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.

Update—December 2, 2025: Motion to move forward with the RFP to have the document reviewed through the usual township process (administration/ legal). Mr. Penecale to prepare a memo to Township Manager Mike Taylor stating that position. Motion Made by Joe Devine, second by David Sands. Motion passed on voice vote of the Commission.

Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Taylor responded, requesting that a member or members of the Commission, come before the Board of Commissioners to provide information supporting the RFP.

HC-54.2 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. Nothing has been shared with the Commission on this matter.

Update—December 2, 2025: There has been no meaningful communication regarding this matter. There is a legal action in court in the western part of Pennsylvania to determine the actual ownership of this group of properties.

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 1999, with an addendum dated 2023

HC-45.1 SALDO incorporation is in process. Proposed revisions/SALDO additions were presented to Planning Commission. Currently under review by the Township Solicitor. 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. **(No Change)**
- **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. Sands will meet with Mr. Comly to discuss the upcoming appearance before the Board of Commissioners.**

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 : At 6:47 PM on Motion by Joseph Devine, second by David Sands. **Next meeting will be January 6, 2026.**

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA
Secretary