



# Springfield Township Historical Commission

**February 3, 2026** MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

**HC-57**

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

<b>MEETING ATTENDEES</b>			
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	
David Sands	Commission Chair	Matthew Harris	Commission Vice Chair
Susanna Ratsavong	Commissioner Liaison		
Baird Standish	Commission Member	Joseph Devine	Commission Member
Al Comly	Commission Secretary	Mark Penecale	Staff Liaison

- 1) **Call by Order by the Chairperson**      **Called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair David Sands.. Roll was taken and absentees noted.**
  
- 2) **Approval of Minutes**      **Meeting HC-56 (January 6, 2026) Motion by D. Sands, second by M Harris-approved with a correction.**
  
- 3) **Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison:**  
  
**Mr Sands and the Commission Members welcomed Ms. Ratsavong as our liaison. She noted that the vacancy on the Historical Commission remains. She will look into that mater.**
  
- 4) **Review of Agenda**

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

HC 57.1 The discussion at the meeting focused on several points relating to the Request for Proposal and the Commission's presentation to the Board of Commissioners on January 12, 2026. These points were similar those discussed in item HC-56.1. Summary matter is the Board of Commissioners at still unconvinced regarding the need & purpose of the RFP

HC-56.1 The main focus of the meeting was to prepare for the meeting with the Commissioners on January 12 to discuss the RFP for consultant assistance. Mr Sands and Mr Comly will attend the meeting. Primary discussion points will be:

- Current studies have been limited in scope—not covering the entire township.
- Doing this type of research with volunteers presents issues with consistency of results
- This effort would create an inventory of important structures in the Township and would begin to prioritize those of highest importance.
- Importance of this inventory record to the Township—similar to Utility Records, FEMA maps and similar documents.
- Commissioners have raised questions about the 50 year threshold for the inventory.

HC-54.2 **Status of Carson Valley School Nothing new regarding the status of this property**

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**

- None

7) **Assignment of Member Action Items**

- None

8) **Agenda for next meeting: Focus for the next meeting will be the review of meeting with the Commissioners.** All new agenda items shall be forwarded to Mr. Penecale at least one week prior to scheduled meeting date

9) **Adjournment** Adjournment at 6:50 PM on Motion by Joseph Devine second by Al Comly. **Next meeting will be March 3, 2026**

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA  
Secretary