

Tredyffrin Township Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Rob Williams, chair; Mark Dixon, secretary; Pearl Nudy, Janice Olsen, Eric Williams, Robert Emmanuel, staff liaison. Murph Wysocki, Supervisor liaison; Guests: Angela Scully, Chester County 250; Janice Kees and Jean Faber, First Church of Christ, Scientist (Berwyn)

Minutes: The minutes of March 13, 2024, were approved.

CURRENT BUSINESS

CLG. Rob Williams announced the receipt of a grant to examine Tredyffrin's preservation ordinance. He noted the risk of losing the township's CLG status. Preservation consultant John Snook will be contracted to review our ordinance. BoS approval expected April 21. Williams discussed the state of Tredyffrin's preservation culture.

NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS. Plans continue for the sixth Neighborhood Walk. On May 18 [changed to May 17] guests will learn the story of Berwyn village along Cassett Ave. Faber reviewed what visitors to the former Baptist chapel will experience: a building largely unchanged since the Christian Scientist church acquired the property in 1953, a Berkley organ and a slide presentation of highlights from church history.

AMERICA 250. Williams has met with the Parks & Recreation, EAC and Library Boards about forming a joint task force. Scully brief us on a cooperative effort at the county level.

NEW BUSINESS

INTERNS. Olsen shared the plan for 2025 interns to develop an audio tour available to Tredyffrin residents with historic buildings in the Township. One focus is the 1777-78 Valley Forge generals' quarters. E Williams is working on depredations of families affected by the encampment. Nudy is working to find a public place for the interns and members to work.

TREDYFFRIN HERITAGE CENTER AT DUPORTAIL HOUSE. R. Williams shared a new nonprofit is emerging as an education center for Tredyffrin's history. The new center will be on the Duportail House grounds. It will be one of a dozen new history centers in Chester County.

CHESTER COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION NETWORK. Rob Williams announced that CCHPN's annual volunteer-recognition celebration will be June 25 at Historic Waynesborough. Local historian Bertha Jackmon – who worked with the commission on the April 2024 Walk at Mount Zion A.M.E. Church – will presented an achievement award. Attendance recommended!

THE FUTURE. Chair R. Williams noted there is a shortage of members to successfully advance our projects. He asked for input on what we each need to proceed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. Next meeting May 8, 2025, at 7 pm.