

Tredyffrin Township Historical Commission
Minutes for April 9, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Rob Williams.

Present: Rob Williams, chair; Eric Williams, vice chair; Ernie Falcone; Janice Olsen; Mark Dixon; Jean Faber, Associate; Robert Emmanuel, staff liaison; Julie Gosse, Supervisor liaison; Erika Duncan (resident); Wanda Odom (resident)

Minutes: A **motion** was made and seconded to approve as submitted the minutes for the March 12, 2026, meeting. Approved unanimously.

Wanda Odom and Erika Duncan were introduced. Erika works with Stacy Ballard at Eadeh Enterprises on projects and planning. She lives in Berwyn.

Current Business - Project updates

- TESD engagement – The TTHC/TESD relationship has grown thanks to the township school bus tour that included social studies teachers, librarians, administrators, and Spoke reporters. Matt Sterenczak (TESD social studies administrator) will share a table listing the K-12 social studies curriculum. He would like TTHC to supply items that could supplement the list. Janice will collect and organize the suggestions submitted. Suggestions should be submitted by April 17th. Additional uses for this information were made including posting it on Facebook. Janice is also working with some teachers on Tredyffrin women in history resources. Another result of the bus tour was the idea of creating drone video clips of the tour sites. A recent CHS grad might be able to assist in this project.
- America 250 Tredyffrin – Rob and Eric met with Marc Brier who is a member of the British 40th Light Infantry unit and will organize the re-enactment. Bart Van Valkenburgh from Paoli Battlefield shared the lists they use for re-enactments. Eric (our Parks Board liaison) will create a report that will include the name of the re-enactment group, items that are needed, detailed schedule of events, support services that will be needed, clean-up plan, etc. and will send it to Robert Emanuel to review prior to presenting it to the Parks Board at their May meeting. Erika Duncan was asked to be the paid (hourly) planner/project leader for organizing the re-enactment. Robert Emmanuel will find out what needs to be done to hire her for this discrete task.
- Depredations Project – Eric will send a draft of the depredations report to everyone. The display will be comprised of two sets of three portable panels each (including both British and Continental depredations) that can be displayed in schools, libraries, etc. Properties will be shown on the overlay and include a pop-up with information. A play focusing on depredations and a driving tour will be created for use in 2027. High school interns will be tasked with designing the panels. Eric will meet with the interns to give them directions.

- Rob and Janice will respond to the emails from CHS students interested in interning with TTHC in May. Scheduling will work around AP tests. Eric will supply an executive summary of the deprecation project. In addition to working on the project, students are given an orientation, taken on the driving tour, expected to attend the TTHC May meeting and the Supervisors' Meeting in May, have a one-on-one meeting with a Supervisor, and go on one field trip. The final expectation is a student presentation via Zoom of what each accomplished. Janice will report twice on student progress to the school sponsors .
- Dare to Declare – TTHC will not sponsor a D2D event. The idea of splicing together several different people reading the Declaration was discussed.
- 2026 Funded Projects Planning – Rob Williams will organize a way to supply details of expenditures after Rob Emanuel determines basic requirements.
- Communications & Publicity – A **motion** was made, seconded and approved unanimously to appoint Wanda Odom as an associate TTHC member.
- Yesterday in Tredyffrin – The Facebook viewing has grown to about 6,000 this week with a high of 10,000 on one week. Nice work, Mark and Janice! Everyone is encouraged to contribute ideas to Mark. The committee has an interest in adding Instagram as a method of delivery. Rob Emanuel will explore adding Instagram.
- Overlay project
 - Historic Eras - Meg Wiederseim of the TE Historical Society provided a table of the comprehensive history of Tredyffrin for the organizational basis.
 - Windshield Survey – HC members will collect photographs of Survey buildings for a township repository.
 - Public Meetings – The third meeting covered the topic of what should be protected in Tredyffrin Township. Two areas of interest in preservation were the Rev War and the railroad and its effect on local history. The final public meeting is on April 21st and will focus on “Incentives”, both regulatory and non-regulatory. Rob Emmanuel will share his draft of the report of these meetings. John Snook will write the draft of the historic preservation ordinance after the final meeting. TTHC will review the draft with the goal of presenting the final product to the Supervisors in October.
 - There was a brief discussion regarding tax incentives. The consensus was that there should not be any since no value is being taken from the property because of the ordinance. In fact, a positive financial impact could result.

New Business – none

Information Sharing

- A250 Exhibit at Tredyffrin Library – April
- Rob Williams will meet with Jim McKinley to determine Tredyffrin Heritage Center content material.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23

Next Historical Commission Meeting – May 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m.