

Tredyffrin Township Historical Commission  
Minutes for May 14, 2026

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

**Present:** Rob Williams, chair; Eric Williams, vice chair; Janice Olsen; Jean Faber, Associate; Wanda Odom Associate; Julie Gosse, Supervisor liaison; Kathryn Kaskey (CHS Intern), Ehimay Sharma (CHS Intern)

**Minutes:** A **motion** was made and seconded to approve as submitted the minutes for the April 9, 2026, meeting. Approved unanimously.

The Conestoga High School senior interns Kathryn Kaskey and Ehimay Sharma introduced themselves and told a little of their background. Clayton Wright (the third intern) was unable to attend.

**Current Business** - Project updates

- Depredations Project – Eric Williams gave an extended explanation of the Depredations project that the students are working on. This included the research to be done, the information required for each panel, maps and map overlays needed (1770 parcels, 2026 parcels, 2003 historic building survey) that Robert Emanuel will do.
- British Reenactment, Sept 19-20 –The British reenactors provided details of what is needed for the camp and the daily program will be for the two days. Responsibilities for who supplies what have been discussed and divided up. Eric, Julie and Robert Emanuel are working with the Parks & Rec Board to answer their questions.
- Any costs will be drawn from the 2026 America 250 budget. Two known expenses requests from the Board of Supervisors are:
  - \$3,000 to pay the reenactment unit. We will pay the reenactors a lump sum for their transportation, food, materials, and stipend.
  - \$5,500 not-to-exceed to hire an event coordinator to work from now through September.
- Other A250 Projects - Expenses can be directly reimbursed by submitting a request.
  - Pearl will help procure additional items we will need such as name badges and a canopy with our name on it.
  - Wanda will work on a trifold for TTHC which will be used at Independence Day celebrations, Community Day (in October), Heritage Day in Paoli (in September) and for distribution in public places such as the libraries and township building.

- Communications & Publicity
  - “Yesterday in Tredyffrin” on Facebook– Online views are outstanding and comments on Facebook have all been positive. Notices are also sent to interested people who provided their email addresses to the Commission.
  - To make TTHC more widely known to the public, the idea of periodically (biweekly or once a month) post other HC activities. “Commission Update” is the working title. Topics may include the internship program, and the depredations project. Wanda and Janice are working on gathering info and pictures of the interns for one issue.
  - In the future the Commission will communicate information such as the follow-up link to the survey and dates of meetings, especially the Planning Commission. We need to investigate a medium for sending bulk email.
- TESD engagement
 

TTHC has renewed ties with the school district through the bus tour of the township for the teachers, a June talk by Janice to teachers interested in women’s history in our area, completing a table for K-12 curricula that has suggested activities to teach local history. Commission members will send their ideas for the table to Janice.
- Historic Resources Overlay District (HROD) update
  - Public Meetings wrap up – The final public meeting on the HROD update was held April 21. Robert will post a summary report for the four public meetings.
  - The public survey is still active [Historic Resource Overlay District Ordinance Update Tredyffrin Township](#)
  - Consultant John Snook is preparing the draft of the ordinance to include the public input. The final draft deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - The draft update will be reviewed by the Township Ordinance committee and Planning Commission. Comments are expected by PA State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Chester County Planning Commission. Final approval of the Board of Supervisors planned by the end of the year.
  - Windshield Survey photos – Street scape photos of approximately 55 properties in the 2003 Survey.
- Preservation PA event
  - The HC hosted Mindy Crawford, President of Preservation PA, on May 13 in the Federal Barn at the Tredyffrin Heritage Center. Crawford’s presentation addressed “Why it Matters - Considering the Future of Preservation in Tredyffrin Township.” More than 50 people attended.

New Business – none

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Next Historical Commission Meeting – June 11, 2026, 7:00 p.m.