Tredyffrin Township Historical Commission
Minutes for September 10, 2026

Present: Rob Williams, chair; Eric Williams, vice chair; Mark Dixon; Janice Olsen; Pearl Nudy; Wanda Odom; Jean Faber, Associate; Julie Gosse, Supervisor liaison; Robert Emanual, staff liaison; Jim McKinley (resident); Chas Wargo (visitor)

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

Minutes: A **motion** was made and seconded to approve as submitted the minutes for the June 11, 2026, meeting. Approved unanimously.
The two visitors introduced themselves to the committee. Chas Wargo is a history loving visitor who is actively involved with St. David's church and with restoring historic properties. He is the founder of the Historic Preservation Foundation. Jim McKinley is a resident and a co-chair of the board of Tredyffrin Heritage Center at DuPortail. He also speaks locally on a variety of historical topics.

New Business

After a brief discussion, it was decided to continue having 2027 TTHC meetings on the second Thursdays of each month.

The TTHC will have a table (using the new table cover!) at two local events this fall. Members were encouraged to volunteer to help.

- Paoli Heritage Day - Saturday, September 26th, 11-4 p.m.
- Tredyffrin Community Day - Saturday, October 3rd, 1-5 p.m.

Current Business - Project updates

- Communications - Yesterday in Tredyffrin had several banner views of recent postings. Emmanuel reports the most popular posts seem to be those that have an inset of a person or a head shot accompanying the featured building or are about buildings that current residents remember. Demolition of historic buildings is a topic that shouldn't be avoided. Committee members were encouraged to give Mark drafts and/or ideas for future articles.
- The TSD school district is using the list of resources (people, places) related to local history that TTHC curated for them last spring. We continue to have a good working relationship with the District as we prepare for the fall reenactment.
- A major project for TTHC this year is updating our historic protection ordinance [Historic Resources Overlay District (HROD)]. Emmanuel reports the second review is scheduled to be within the next two weeks. If the HROD is approved as written, it will provide owners of historic buildings with protections and incentives that are based on items discussed at the public meetings and will be on a level with our

neighboring townships. The opt-in requirement will be eliminated; all buildings on the historic resource map will be covered. A working group will be formed including Rob Williams, Janice Olsen, Mark Dixon, and Meg Weiderseim to identify establish objective criteria to designate properties for the ordinance's' Historic Resources Map. Candidate criteria include, is are properties…

- one of the original 30 listed?
- listed on the National Register of Historic Places?
- eligible for National Register of Historic Places?
- in 2003, was it recognized by the consultant as one that should be recommended for the National Register of Historic Places?

The Township's Ordinance Committee will next review the document Robert will make sure that everyone involved has a copy and will answer any questions prior to the final approval meeting. The Planning Commission meeting for approval on October 15th at 7:00.

- America 250 Tredyffrin - British Reenactment plans are in good order: Coordination with the reenactors has been extensive; all relevant township boards and departments have contributed and approved actions, when necessary; Ward Tree Company will deliver all necessary wood; and EAC has approved locations for fire trenches. The program schedule has been developed.
  - Volunteers include students, residents, and committee members.
  - There will be a Depredations talk at the pavilion in Teegarden and a skit at DuPortail House. The skit has evolved to having a narrator who will introduce the action of each segment.
  - Props are being collected. Name tags will be available for Commission members. Public questions are being answered. Police have been contacted.
- Property additions to Historic Resources Map
  - 1250 Old Lancaster Rd, Daylesford – Blue Ball II did not sell and is off the market.
  - Nothing further has been done about the property on 325 South Valley Forge Rd.

VI. Information Sharing

- Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust– DuPortail House, 7pm
  - Wed 16 Sept – Battle of Brandywine, Michael Harris, historian
  - Wed 21 Oct – Remember Paoli, Jim Christ, Paoli Battlefield Trust

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.
Next Historical Commission Meeting – October 8, 2026, 7:00 p.m.