

Tredyffrin Township Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – Jan. 9, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Present: Rob Williams, chair; Mark Dixon, secretary; Pearl Nudy, Eric Williams, Ernani Falcone; Robert Emmanuel, staff liaison; Julie Gosse, board of supervisors.

Minutes: The minutes of Dec. 12, 2024, were approved.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Officers and liaisons. The commission's 2024 officers were re-elected to serve through the coming year: Rob Williams, chair, Eric Williams, vice-chair; Mark Dixon, secretary. Liaison assignments will remain the same: Falcone, Environmental Advisory Council; Eric Williams, Planning Commission; Mark Dixon, Libraries Board; Pearl Nudy, Parks & Recreation Board; Janice Olsen, Board of Education / School District (TESD); Rob Williams, Board of Supervisors and backup liaison to the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB); Julie Gosse, supervisor liaison; and Robert Emmanuel, township staff liaison. The position of liaison to the ZHB remains vacant.

Application for designation of 1406 Thomas Road. The application has been received, triggering an undefined process given that no homeowner has ever applied previously. Rob Williams volunteered to learn the cost of this process and report in January (or, possibly, February). Eric Williams will continue communications with the owner. Emmanuel will manage township role.

FEMA. Emmanuel informed members that, upon further investigation by the preservation consultants, the Yellow Springs Road house is not colonial era as previously believed, having been built only in 1937. The FEMA-funded consultants completed Phase 1 mitigation work to record the building. A report was delivered to the Township. Phase 2 property research training will occur on January 24 at the Township Building, thus completing the mitigation.

CLG. Emmanuel reported that two consultants responded to the township's RFP to evaluate the existing preservation ordinance and support public input meetings. The one firm is based in Florida with little experience in Pennsylvania. The second is Chester County based with appropriate experience. The Commission and staff will plan the next steps.

HISTORIC CONTEXTS. No news to report.

INTERACTIVE MAP. Emmanuel stated the historic resources interactive map is available for the public. Olsen and Nudy will continue to provide updates to the property "popup" text.

RESOURCES SURVEY. Discussion continued about obtaining photos for Historic Resources Survey properties while the leaves are off the trees.

NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS. Falcone reviewed past works for supervisor liaison Julie Gosse, and reiterated plans for another walk in the spring, perhaps in Berwyn Village.

AMERICA 250. Rob Williams and Pearl Nudy attended the most-recent meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to discuss creating an American 250 joint task force for 2026-27 activities. Projects of interest with Park & Rec include readings of the Declaration of Independence in 2026 and hosting a British re-enactment unit at a township park in 2027.

NEW BUSINESS

YEAR-END REPORT. Williams will present a summary of the Commission's 2024 accomplishments to the Board of Supervisors, though the date has not yet been determined.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. Next meeting Feb. 13, 2025, at 7pm.