

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORIC COMMISSION
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
MINUTES – MARCH 26, 2026**

Attending: William Ryker, Mary Whitesell, Thomas Cline (Members)

Absent: Bruce Whitesell; Lorna Yearwood, Board Liaison

Guests: Kenny & Laurie Wellington (Zoning Applicants); Dawn Grochowiak

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Attendees.

Minutes: Upon Motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the February 26, 2026 Meeting were approved by Unanimous Vote.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: There were no comments brought forward.

Zoning Permit Application:

1513 Route 212, Quakertown, PA 18951 (Tax Map Parcel #42-009-127)—Barn New Siding Properties Owners Kenny & Laurie Wellington briefed the Members on Product Options 1 and 2 considered in their Permit Application, and their belief that moving forward with Option 1, Certainteed Monogram siding with TrueTexture Wood Grain in Autumn Red color and Dutchlap profile, would best suit for the product’s low maintenance requirements while still maintaining the appearance and integrity of a historic barn. The Members, upon motion made and seconded, unanimously voted to approve this Option. The Chair will notify Springfield Township Zoning of Approval.

Discussion Topics

A) **Rule of Conduct based on:**

i) **Comprehensive Plan Initiatives**

- a. **Encourage a resilient building stock. GOAL** Encourage building improvements and new construction that aligns with statewide energy code(s) and is more resilient to impact caused by extreme weather such as flooding, extreme heat and cold, and strong storms.
- b. **Establish intent of historic preservation within the Township and align the Historic Overlay District. GOAL** Create a shared vision and understanding of the purpose and goals of historic preservation in Springfield Township; Understand, and if needed, update the role/goals/priorities of the current Historic Overlay district so that it aligns with the Township’s intent for historic preservation; Establish an aligned and coordinated inventory of the historic resources in the Township that supports any updates/changes to the Historic Overlay District
- c. **Recognize, promote and educate the community on the historic rural identity of the Township. GOAL** Celebrate the Township’s rural and historic character, and leverage these characteristics as a tool to promote local tourism, economic development and educational activities

B) **Work Sessions** to Facilitate 30-day Permit Application Review/Decision Process

C) Township Facebook Postings: “It’s Your History, Springfield Township” – Of prime importance is to increase visibility and historic importance of our Township, and to find resources to assist with those items we would like to accomplish. A social media presence such as on Facebook every other Wednesday would be a worthy consideration, relying on information on the laptop at the Township and coordinated with data available in the records of the Springfield Township Historical Society.

D) Events Considered

- i) The previously-considered tombstone etchings in conjunction with celebrations of the 100th Anniversary of the Springtown Rod & Gun Club and the 250th Anniversary of American Independence will be tabled as concerns have been expressed that it may be difficult to traversing by public on parts of properties not part of the adjoining cemetery by attendees at this large-scale event. Perhaps a separate scheduling may be possible.
- ii) In the same vein of thought, placement of Flags on Veteran Burial Sites, once again looking to Youth Volunteers, will also be revisited at another time.

E) Goals to Accomplish in 2026 -- Addressed in items appearing above

Comments: Commission; Board of Supervisors Liaison; Public

- A) **Commission Comments:** No further comments
- B) **Board of Supervisors:** Due to absence of Liaison, no comments brought forward
- C) **Public Comment:** The Springfield Township Historical Society has plans underway to host a Revolutionary War Battles presentation in May and a Walking-Purchase Tour in September. Further details will be forthcoming.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. Our next meeting will be on April 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Whitesell, Secretary