



# UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

175 W. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1802

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Upper Merion Township Building  
175 W. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

February 20, 2024, Meeting at 7:00 PM

## MINUTES

- I. Meeting Called to Order 7:02 PM
- II. Attendance
  1. **Present:** Laura Adlington, Matt McCaffrey, Pat Jordan, Tina Smith, Mark Menke, Kenn Brown, Dave Dolga, Greg Philips. **Guest:** Amanda Lafty, Assistant Township Manager
  2. **Regrets:** Rich Herman
  3. A special welcome new member, Mark Menke
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  1. January 2024 Minutes: Tina made motion to approve; Matt seconded; All agreed; January 2024 Minutes approved
- IV. Comments from Chairperson
  1. Laura having technical problem logging in, Pat leading the meeting till Laura can log in. No Chairperson report.
- V. Reports and Discussions
  1. March 2, 2024 2PM Anna Morris Holstein presentation co-sponsored with Library
    - i. Laura will provide the introduction for this event
  2. Display Cases–Township building atrium cases and Library display case
    - i. Tina will email the list of artifacts, photos and their description to Dave Dolga to submit for approval to the Supervisors.
    - ii. Copies of the “Kid’s Map of Historic Places in Upper Merion are done. These will be provided for families attending the presentation.
    - iii. Pat asked Dave Dolga if the township could print more copies of the AMH Commemorative Booklet for March 2nd.

Dave said that items with a cost need to be requested in the budget for the year. Matt priced the booklet printing at \$2.50 per book. Dave will ask if this can be done for the AMH event.
  3. Joint Commission Meeting with BOS
    - i. Greg explained that this is the chance to let the supervisors know what we have been doing, and to give an overview of future planning.
    - ii. Tina asked if HC might get an earlier time slot this year to replace the last time slot of the evening.
  4. Historic Properties in Upper Merion Advisement
    - Tina reported that she and Laura had been working on the Moore-Irwin Property advisement as well as the other properties HC had designated to be the top ten.



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- The plan is to have these ready for HC discussion in March and present to BOS at the joint Commission meeting in April or May as HC is scheduled.
  - Laura confirmed that this is a reasonable timeframe based on the work done to date.
5. BOS 2040 Comprehensive Plan & Historic Property Advisement
- Meetings for the Comprehensive Plan will be open to the public
  - Discussed plans for Historic Properties within that document
  - Powell House
    - Property is up for sale – no further updates
    - We will send our information on the Powell House to the township (Dave, Don) and the KOP-HS (Thanks, Pat, for doing that research!)
  - Moore-Irwin and the new BID budget
    - It is now in the budget to relocate the historic stone wall
  - Old Swedes –
    - The KOP Historical Society is working with members of the Old Swedes to get it listed on the National Register. We have connected them with useful contacts to that end.
6. Events
- AMH/Library event 3/2 (Saturday, 2 PM)
    - We will have a separate table for information – discussion of what flyers and information to prepare for the event
    - Pre-registration for the event opened February 2 but not required
7. Discussion of future displays for the months of October and November 2024 using the display case at the Library and in the township building Atrium.

## VI. New Business

1. Dave Dolga: PHMC Empowered History Community History Micro-Grants
2. Police anniversary – 95<sup>th</sup> in 2026

## VII. Public Comment

## VIII. Communications

1. Next meeting we should discuss the design for our banner (ie, for use at the Farmers Market and other events) and approval of the three bullet points about the Historical Commission mission

## IX. Adjournment: Tina made motion to adjourn; Pat seconded; Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Agendas are subject to change up to 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the meeting.

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