

**Tinicum Historical Commission**  
**April 14, 2025**

1. **Called to Order 7:36pm.**
2. **Special Guest** – Robin Lachner. Interested in joining the THC. Lives on historic Smithtown property. Additional guest was Kim Rosamilia.
3. **Attendees: (Quorum)**  
Ethan Perry, Gail Nagele-Hopkins, Kathryn Auerbach, Janine Black, Michael Kauffman
4. **Consent Calendar.** Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025 were approved. Motion made by Michael Kauffman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Nagele-Hopkins to approve minutes.
5. **250<sup>th</sup> Event.** Amy Hollander would like a Steering Committee meeting on Thursday, April 17 and asked if the THC would set up the Zoom meeting for the meeting. Kathryn, Ethan, and Gail would like to be on the Steering Committee. (This one-day event is a great opportunity to share our 250 years of history with the local community, the schools, and the township. May 16, 2026 is a possible date for the event, but there is a 5K race that morning. This may conflict with the event. The 5K date has not been completely set yet. Durham, Nockamixon, Springfield, and Tinicum shared some of the history of the late 1700s. Families created supply networks as far as into upstate New York to support the troops. )
6. We received **four books on local schoolhouse** histories from Connie Collenbach. Ethan has the full set of 8 schoolbooks from Lynn and Ted Greenings' collection. These books capture some of the local cultural aspects of the communities. Kathryn suggested that we have enough extra copies that we could set up a set of loaner copies. Ethan would like to put on clear covers to protect the books. Staples may do that for free. Might want to provide the Pipersville Library a set for their reference section.
7. **Bridges.** Discussion began with Michael suggesting that historic bridges will become a topic of regular discussion of the THC. Descriptions of state, county, and local bridges, wild and scenic bridges was launched. Ridge Valley historic district has 3 bridges up for renovation (Bridges #30, #87, #361). The township and DCNI will need to become involved.  
  
A lengthy description of the characteristics of many of the bridges in Tinicum followed. John Wexley, Hollywood Screenwriter (movies with Humphrey Bogart and Clark Gable), wrote many of the grants for restoring many of the local bridges.  
  
*To Preserve our Bridges:* 1) Kathryn requested a resolution about bridges to come from the Tinicum Township. Submitted in agenda, "Tinicum Township Bridge Resolution" from May 6, 2014. 2) Be Vigilant!!!
8. **Historic District / Historical Site Overlay Map.** KA recognized it as based on the (windshield) survey that KA did in 2000 (Open Space Plan) and 2010. Norm McArthur, Bob Stanfield, Marty Kyde, Kathryn Auerbach, etc. mapped Scenic Vistas.

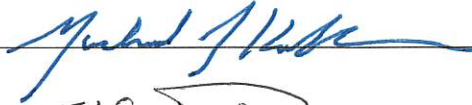
9. **The Mines and Minerals of Bucks County, Pennsylvania** book. Anyone remember that Revere had oil wells. Mines and mineral deposits of Tinicum, copper.
10. **McGee farm historical plaque.** \*KA – Start a plaque verbiage.
11. **New Business.** Historical Flier for Tinicum.
12. **Future Meeting Dates:** *Quarterly 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:30pm*
  - a. *Meeting Dates:* January 13, April 14, July 14, October 13
13. **Adjourned:** 9:20pm, MK made motion, EP 2nd

**To Do:**

\*\*KA – McGee–Erwin plaque verbiage.

\*\*JB - Bring 2 copies of Meeting Minutes to sign, 1 for the Township and 1 for the THC files.

Michael Kauffman, Chair



Ethan Perry, Vice Chair



Janine Black, Recording Secretary

