

**Tinicum Historical Commission**  
**October 13, 2025**

1. **Called to Order 7:30pm.**
2. **Special Guest** – Kim Rosamilia.
3. **Attendees: (Quorum)**  
Ethan Perry, Gail Nagele-Hopkins, Kathryn Auerbach,  
Janine Black, Michael Kauffman, Robin Lachner
4. **Consent Calendar.** Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2025  
and July 14, 2025 were approved. (Ethan 1st, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>).
5. **250<sup>th</sup> Event.** Ethan and Kathryn gave an update of the event  
planning. Amy participated in meetings with the Palisades  
schools, who were enthusiastic about the event.

Kathryn met with Don Steely for 4H participation. House (Fretz/Meyers/Steely lineage) is from 1818, barn 1805 constructed with Pipersville stone, on Rte 113, west of Rte 611 towards Bedminster. Plumsteadville Grange coordinates with the 4H. Kathryn asked Don to take the flier back to more groups that might be interested in the 250<sup>th</sup> event. No funding has been identified. Fund raising has been undertaken for advertisement. The county is donating the property and stage. Members from Durham, and other local towns, have been identified. Wehrung's has also been identified for donations.

Amy is focusing on Upper Bucks County history.

6. **Four Brooks Camp.** Robin presented recent history finds on Four Brooks Camp. Robin lives at Cafferty and Smithtown Roads. Kathryn commented that the Four Brooks Camp was named after the Brooks family. Robin has copied numerous photos and flier information about the camp which ran from the 1960s to the 1980s, about 25 years. The church still has services on Sundays.

## 7. **Bridges.**

- a. Bridge 365. Beaver Run. Guard rails. Renovations are distinctly not attractive nor as functional.
- b. Bridge 361. Pony truss bridge on Sheep hole. Contract is not 'let' yet. No progress anytime soon. Guard rail is a point of discussion. (A guard rail is planned on the outside with guide rails on the inside of the bridge. Kathryn expressed concern about the drilling into stone and steel for the rails. She is very concerned about the deterioration of the long-term integrity of the bridge and surrounding terrain due to the installation of the guard and guide rails. She strongly expressed her opposition to the addition of rails, to preserve the bridge and maintain the 'wild and scenic' designation.)
  - i. Bridge numbers come from Oscar Martin's chronological bridge repairs.
- c. Golden Pheasant Bridge. Still in design. Township is not supporting easements requested by the Sand Castle Winery. This is one of the few remaining stone abutments on the canal. At least once a month, there is a truck that damages the bridge guard rails. It's called "The monthly changing of the guard rails."
- d. "Spiderman House Bridge". "Erwin's Bridge". Also called "Delaware Race Bridge". Crosses Tinicum Creek. Stone abutments, 1910, Oscar Martin, stone probably from previous bridges. It helps to control traffic and speed as a one lane bridge, especially heading south prior to reaching Golden Pheasant Bridge.

8. **Trunk or Treat.** Parks and Rec Commission is planning a community engagement event around Halloween to take place in the park. October 25, rain date of the 26<sup>th</sup>.

9. **Archival Project.** Ethan did a recent uncle Jimmy Stewart event at the Doylestown County movie theater, showing "The Mortal Storm", with Jimmy Stewart and Martha Sullivan. His mother's (Jimmy's sister) art was displayed at the event. Ethan and his brother did a Q&A after the movie.

10. **Interesting historical findings.** Henry Stauffer had to provide horses and wagons for the Revolutionary War. His son was to go along with the teams to care for them. The

As there was no secretary chosen at the organizational meeting Mike Kauffman will be preparing the minutes of this meeting.

Jason introduced himself, noting he has lived in Tincum Township for four years and has an interest in local history.

## **5. Action Items**

### **a. Tincum250 Project Update**

The Tincum250 event is approaching, with participation from multiple Upper Bucks communities. The Tincum ~~Conservancy~~ contributed \$750 toward event costs. Planning continues, <sup>CIVIC</sup> including coordination with Palisades School District to display student artwork in the barn's lower level. Reenactors have been booked, and a stage has been donated by the County. Additional donations were received from the Tincum Conservancy and Swamps Auto Body.

### **b. Uhlerstown Presentation**

Robin presented historical information on Uhlerstown, originally known as *Mexico*. Michael Uhler operated a boatyard in the village. After his death, the town was sold twice. Following the closure of the canal in 1937, properties transitioned to individual ownership. Uhlerstown was added to the **National Register of Historic Places in 1994**.

### **c. Bridge 361 Update**

Mike reported that Township Engineer Curt Genner is working with the County Engineer on a revised project proposal, including removal of excessive guardrails and armoring.

### **d. Commission Advocacy Going Forward**

The Commission discussed future actions to defend and promote historically significant structures and features of the Township, including letter writing and outreach to the County Planning Commission, PennDOT, and DCNR.



**e. Archival Project Update**

Ethan reported ongoing work documenting local cemeteries as part of his archival project.

**f. New Business**

None.

**6. Public Comment**

None.

**7. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by **Mike**, seconded by **Ethan**, and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at **8:57 PM**.

**Signatures**

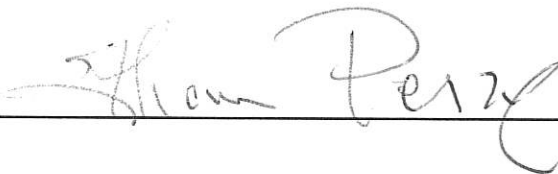
Mike Kauffman, Chair



Date:

4/12/17

Ethan Perry, Vice Chair



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