

Tinicum Historical Commission

July 13, 2026

1. **Called to Order 7:30pm.**
2. **Attendees (Quorum):** Ethan Perry, Janine Black, Kathryn Auerbach, Michael Kauffman, Gail Nagele Hopkins, Robin Lachner, Jason Flax. Guests: Kim Rosamilia, Wendy Grant
3. **Consent Calendar.** Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2026 were approved. Motion made by Michael Kauffman and 2nd by Gail Nagele-Hopkins to approve minutes.
4. **Marshall Island farm.** Comments about the working farm on Marshall Island that was presented at the last meeting. (Todd Quinby) Donna Hobson might be a good resource for names of people living there.
5. **Bridge #30.** Section 106 reviews are now available to the Tinicum Historic Commission. The THC can now go to their meetings and make comments. Bridge was built in 1909 by engineer Oscar Martin. There is a three ton max limit. An Arch is a special characteristic of this bridge. Two Oscar Martin bridges found on private property may predate this one. This is one of the few Oscar Martin bridges remaining. Kathryn recommends total rehabilitation or rebuild just as OM designed the bridge. Similar the bridges on Merritt Parkway were also discussed. Positive note that we have been included in the bridge discussions.
6. **Review of Chapter 7 of Tinicum Comprehensive Plan – Historical Resources.** Must include Delaware Wild and Scenic aspects to reinforce the current plan. We don't have an Act 167 Historic District. May want to change the title to "Other Tools of Historic Preservation". Clarify that National Register of Historic Places does not control any aspect of private ownership. Act 167 has a little more influence on exterior building modifications. Carversville and Doylestown Borough fall under Act 167. The "Demolition" verbiage has a very tight time period. This may be directed by the Municipal Planning Code. Verbiage could be made stronger. *Suggestion to add the numbers to the county bridge list to help with identification.
7. **Evermay, at intersection of River and Headquarters Road.** Owner from New York has passed away. There is a controversy about the will. Building is deteriorating. There is concern that the inheritors may tear it down. There is a trustee from NY. *Can we petition him to do something with this property? * Should we have an ordinance about blighted historical properties? **Motion to ask Supervisors to advance the need for an ordinance to better address demolition and demolition by neglect in historical structures (1st Michael Kauffman, 2nd Robin Lachner). *Might it be interesting to the Board of Supervisors to look at the zoning and tax incentives for

some of the larger historic buildings along the river that are empty to enable development into hotels and restaurants, or similar, as an incentive to preserve and renovate these historic properties? *First step might be to contact the owners of these structures to start a conversation of the plans of these owners.

8. **Archival Project, Ethan Perry.** Ethan Perry brought a box of photos to show the commission and visitors. Talked about George Shull, Shull Farm.

9. **Future Meeting Dates:** *Quarterly 2nd Monday at 7:30pm*

a. *Meeting Dates: July 13, October 12*

1. **Adjourned:** 8:55pm, JF made motion, MK 2nd

Michael Kauffman, Chair

Ethan Perry, Vice Chair

Janine Black, Recording Secretary