



West Vincent Township Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2025 (approved March 12, 2025)

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Bob Wise, Chair, Suzanne Bender, Peter Benton. Absent: Kate Farnham, Vice Chair

**Township Supervisors in Attendance:** Dana Alan

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order 7:04 pm

**Approval of Minutes:** December 11, 2024 Minutes prepared by Karl Brachwitz: Motion for Approval by Peter Benton, Suzanne Bender seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

**Applications:** There were no applications.

**2025 Reorganization:** A set of officers for the Historical Commission was put forward and discussed: Kate Farnham, Chair; Suzanne Bender, Vice Chair; Peter Benton, Secretary. A Motion for Approval was made by Peter Benton, second by Suzanne Bender. Motion carries unanimously.

Bob Wise noted that there is an open seat on the Historical Commission. Following discussion with Dana Alan, Historical Commission members will undertake research and make a recommendation to the Supervisors on a potential new member.

**Old Business:**

1. Bertolet School Bridge: Dana Alan reported that a presentation on replacement of the bridge will be made by Chester County to the Supervisors on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. Griffith Farm: Bob will prepare a letter with recommendations to the Supervisors for review by Commission members.
3. Inventory: The revised inventory of historic resources in West Vincent is nearing completion. Bob and Cindy will meet to finalize the list.

**New Business:**

1. None

**Reports:**

1. Bob noted that members need to commit to undertake their regular monitoring of Township commissions. Current assignments as Committee Liaisons are: RW – BoS; KF – PC; PB – OSC:

2. HRC Report:

Cindy Clark reported that the next Township newsletter will have an article on the ice industry prepared by Cindy and Isabelle.

Cindy noted the extensive article that she had prepared on Frederick Sheeder for the Chester County Historic Preservation Network.

Sheeder Hall Covered Bridge: Cindy noted that the Sheeder Hall Covered Bridge will be 175 years old this year. The HRC is recommending that speaker event be held about the bridge in celebration. Cindy and Isabelle will be discussing the idea with members of the East Vincent HC. There was general concurrence, and the topic will be further discussed.



The HRC would like to have a public presentation of the Highlands National Register Historic District in the Township. Bob Wise volunteered to work on a presentation and Peter Benton volunteered to assist.

**Business from Floor:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 8:03 upon motion by Suzanne Bender and second by Peter Benton. All HC members approved.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Benton, February 7, 2025

