



West Vincent Township Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2025 (*approved August 13, 2025*)

Commission members in attendance: Kate Farnham, Chair, Bob Wise, Vice Chair and Acting Secretary, Suzanne Bender, Stephen Foley. Absent: Peter Benton.

Township Supervisors in attendance: Dana Alan

Call to Order: Meeting called to order 7:03 pm

Approval of minutes: Approval of 4/9/25 minutes (S Bender motion to approve; B Wise seconded, carried unanimously).

Applications: No applications

Old Business:

1. Birchrun Road Bridge: K Farnham filled out information to retain HC as a consulting party through PennDOT's PATH program; B Wise discussed limited communication with Barbara Frederick from PA SHPO; D Alan discussed allowing a walkway on one side only.
2. Griffith Farm: The Springhouse is in disrepair. S Foley conducted a site visit on 5/13/25 and reported that the rear wall has collapsed and needs to be rebuilt, and the south corner is coming down. Roof ok.
3. Bertolet Road Bridge (Replacement) over French Creek at Camp Sankanack: Discussion noted that the original bridge will remain as a foot bridge for the camp, alongside the replacement bridge.
4. Ordinance: B Wise reported progress: inventory to be reviewed with C Clark and I Travaglini of the HRC.
5. 3070 Horseshoe: D Alan reported that township may cite property owner for junk accumulated on property.
6. 1414 Hollow Road: Plan approved by Planning Commission (plan earlier recommended by HC).
7. Sheeder Hall Bridge: HC acknowledged the 5/18/2025 150th celebration event prepared by HRC.

Threatened Properties: No discussion.

3. Township Barn: No Discussion.

New Business:

1. Noted fire at a Class III residence on Flowing Spring Road.
2. North Coventry Township: B Wise to examine its HP ordinance.

Reports:

1. PC: noted 1414 Hollow Road approval
2. EAC: S Foley will be liaison
3. HRC: I Travaglini discussed naming a tributary in the township “Anna Run” but there are issues because it runs into another township and both municipalities must agree on name. South Coventry agreed with name but West Vincent has not yet passed a resolution.

Business from Floor: 250th: D Alan stated a grant was received.

Adjournment: Motion to end meeting made by B Wise, S Bender seconds. Meeting ends at 8:37 pm.

