

MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 16, 2026

The February 16, 2026 meeting of Plumstead Township Historic (Preservation & Education) Advisory Committee occurred at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Kim Troup called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointed members present:

Kim Troup, Michael May, Tom Upton, Michael Jonn, were in attendance. Ken Lichtenstein, Township Supervisor, was also in attendance. There is currently one vacancy, and members David Crane, and Idalean Hasenauer were not in attendance.

Ken gave the group a welcoming message, and expressed that the new Board of Supervisors are eager to hear from and engage with each of the committees throughout the year. Noted that committees can review their establishing Resolutions and propose changes as needed. Encouraged the HAC to work with EAC and Land Preservation committees when able.

In consideration of the members not in attendance, elections and decisions regarding future meeting day/time were postponed. However, it was determined that the March meeting would be held on the 12th, at 6:00pm

Member introductions were made followed by a discussion of the committee's mission, and Resolution (No. 2022-43. Topics such as; how the committee could work with other committees and participate in township events, including the possibility of sharing a table with the Plumstead Historical Society (PHS). How best to support the township's zoning and planning boards decision making processes, and activities. The use of the township newsletter as a means to better educate the community about the benefits of preservation that include increased property values. A suggestion was made to reach out to local real estate agencies re: the township's Historic Inventory List, re: the preservation of the area's heritage.

The importance of maintaining the integrity of historic structures, and settings was discussed. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, particularly Rehabilitation, was identified as best practices.

To better represent the committee's purpose being to advocate for the preservation of the township's historic resources and in order to continue serving as both educational and advisory to the benefit of residents and township boards and committees, Kim made a motion to update the committee's title from "Historic Advisory Committee", to "Historic Preservation & Education Advisory Committee." Michael May seconded the motion, and was unanimously approved.

Member Michael May shared an ongoing project of his own research re: the Direct Tax of 1798 with the group in hopes of sharing the outcome of his efforts with residents. The work was well received, and Michael is considering ways to make the information available in the form of a future township newsletter. Additionally, he shared a preview copy of his newest book about the history of his historic home.

At 8:14 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Kim and seconded by Michael May, and was unanimously approved. Our next public meeting will be **March 12, 2026 at 6:00pm** In the Township Building.