

MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 12, 2026



The March 12, 2026 meeting of Plumstead Township Historic Advisory Committee occurred at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Kimberly Troup called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kimberly Troup, Michael May, Michael Jonn, David Crane and Jim Stark were in attendance. Ken Lichtenstein, Township Supervisor, Alison Kingsley representative from EAC, Lloyd Bush Jr, Veronica Kelly, Karen Kret, concerned citizens, and Kelly McGowen, video recorder for "Plumstead Unfiltered (Facebook Live stream) were also in attendance. Not present were Thomas Upton and Idelean Hasenaur.

Elections were held. Michael May nominated Kimberly Troup as Chairperson and David Crane seconded the Motion. All Approved. Kimberly Troup nominated Michael May as Vice Chairperson and Jim Stark seconded the motion. All approved. Kimberly Troup Nominated Jim Stark as Secretary and Michael May Seconded the motion. All approved.

February 12, 2026 minutes were reviewed. Michael Jonn made a motion to accept the minutes, and Michael May seconded the motion. All approved.

The new HAC meeting day & time, set for the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm, needs to be confirmed with the Township Manager, and updated for public notices going forward.

The Township's (HAC) Resolution No. 2022-43 was reviewed, followed by a discussion as to how best the HAC can serve as a resource advocating for the preservation of the township's historic resources, support residents and township decision-making processes. Education was suggested as a valuable addition to the current Resolution to that aim. A draft showing suggested edits will be prepared.

Open dialogue continued to include the exchange of ideas and comments from members of the public. How best historic property owners can engage with the township, followed by conversation regarding the ongoing maintenance of the historic inventory list. A suggestion was made to inquire with the Township Manager for copies of any/all maps, reports, inventories on file in particular the 1990, 2001, 2006 reports.

As to property evaluation, Ken Lichtenstein asked, what is considered "old", and how does age impact a resource's historical significance? The committee confirmed that for consideration on the National Register, 50 years was the threshold. Michael May suggested the committee refer to the (NRHP) criteria, established by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Secretary of the Interior.

Topics discussed for the upcoming newsletter article; a map highlighting the township's historic districts, the township's historic preservation ordinance, and a series on the variety of historic buildings located in Plumstead.

Updating the township's website was suggested as a goal for 2026. A draft will be prepared.

Kim expressed the need to identify the graves in the cemetery the township owns. Loyd Bush offered his equipment to aid in determining the vacant plots.

At 7:00 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Kim Troup and seconded by James Stark and was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday April 9, 2026** at the township building.