

Thornbury Township
Historic Preservation Minutes
April 16, 2025

The April meeting of the Thornbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was held on April 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Thornbury Township Building. A public notice was published in the Daily Local News on January 8, 2025.

The agenda was posted on the Township website and at the Township building on April 11, 2025. Copies of the agenda were available for attendees.

Board members present:

Victor Starr
Paul Manidis
Randell Spackman
Buz Conover
Alfred Lohmann
Barbara Ann Zippi-Och

Board members absent:

Percy Neall
Randell Spackman

Staff/Professionals present

Township Manager, Judy Lizza

Guests:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Victor Starr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Manidis made the motion to approve the February 2025 minutes. Victor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

1. Thornbury Township Preservation Fair
 - a. New Date, October 11, 2025 proposed for the Fair due to conflict with Chester County Day (Rain date? Needed but was not determined)
 - b. Time would be 10 AM to 2 PM
 - c. Updates provided by Paul, Alfred, Buz, and Victor about contacts made with various vendors (Pa Historic Commission, Metal worker – Tim Couldron, Distillery, Mercer Museum, other various vendors)
 - d. Decided that 20-25 vendors should be obtained
 - e. New shared Spreadsheet to be created to keep all members up to date about vendors contacted and committed. (Mercedes to help Judy with the creation of a Google Excel)
 - f. Decided that three kinds of communication need to be developed for May's meeting:
 - i. Letter to Vendors (Alfred)
 - ii. Letter to Thornbury Homeowners (Buz)

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- iii. Letter to neighboring Historic groups (Buz)
 - g. Discussion about creating a handout for attendees
 - i. Need to establish date to receive info from vendor
 - h. Discussion of entertainment
 - i. ? Music to be determined
 - ii. Judy to reach out to Randell about possible Fife and drum unit
 - iii. Any reenactors (George Washington, etc.)
 - iv. Bruce Lowry, author (Randell)
 - v. Barksdale Manyard, author (Buz)
 - i. Creation of Thornbury Township Home stories
 - i. Dick Webster (Alfred) to be contacted
 - ii. Develop future plan to have homeowners contribute their stories.
 - j. Budget for the Fair to be created next month
 - i. Lanyard "upgrade" with "Thornbury Township HPC" or something similar (Barbara)
 - ii. Printing cost for handout or booklet
 - iii. Identify other costs
 - k. Advertisement for the Fair
 - i. Neighboring HPC contacts
 - ii. Facebook
 - iii. Event Brite
 - iv. Newspaper Daily Local (Barbara)
 - v. Possible TV (Barbara)
 - l. Further discussion/decision required about the agenda for the day
2. Thornbury Township Resource Map was sent to all members as a reference
 3. Historic Marker Grant program briefly discussed. May be a future item for the Commission to investigate
 4. Discussion of additional collaboration with neighboring HPC's
 - a. Westtown (Victor will try to attend one of their meetings to further ideas)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:17 PM

NEXT MEETING MAY 21ST AT 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Lizza
Township Manager