

**Uwchlan Township Historical Commission  
Minutes of Meeting April 7, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Chair Lee Wisdom.

Members present: Lee Wisdom, Ruth Osborn, Charlene Servian, Judy Haupt, Elyse & Chuck Jackson, Teddi Wright, Holly Lopacki & Mike Huffman.

Members Excused: Lou Paul

Members Absent: None.

Guests: Vicki Jamison (Former Historical Commission member), Chris Engle & Sandra Shomla. Guests had concerns about the proposed Amazon Warehouse on the Downingtown School District property and the Historical Buildings located on the property. Commission members listened to their concerns and the Commission Chair, Lee Wisdom, addressed their concerns from the Historical perspective.

Minutes of March 9. Motion to accept Minutes as submitted was made by Chuck Jackson, 2d by Charlene Servian. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chairs Report: Lee Wisdom reported to the membership that she had attended the CCHPN preservation Leadership luncheon. Lee also stated that Gene Pisasale, local author) made arrangements to come to the Cadwalader House and School House, Lee also mentioned the research on the Heritage of the Brandywine Valley. The Plaque for the reconstructed Well at the old Vickers Tavern was also discussed with the membership asked for their input on what should be written on said plaque. The purchase of needed items for the Commission was also discussed, some immediate needed items and planned small purchases can be paid for out of petty cash, big expenditures should go through the Township as has been past policy. Lee also mentioned the idea of changing summer Historical Commission meeting dates so that members could attend the Chester County Historical planned tours. Any meeting date changes would need to be approved by the Township Administration. Brenda Ross donated a 48-star American flag to the Commission which Lee had accessioned in. In addition, Fire House pictures, mugs and an old camera were accessioned in.

Vice Chairs Report: Chuck Jackson informed the membership that the Commission office computer was unprotected and needed a security system as well as Office 365 installed. The Commission agreed that this should be accomplished as per Chucks suggestion and the expense taken out of the Historical Commissions annual budget. Chuck also had put the Vickers article in the library. Chuck also made mention of the Historic Tree Ordinance and getting it finalized for approval by the Township.

Treasurer's report – No report has been received from the Township as of the meeting date.

Office Manager's Report – There is a leak in the Foyer of the School House and openings to the School House crawl spaces under the building need to be addressed.

Township Liaison Report: Planning Commission meeting was cancelled, and the BOS meeting was at the Lionville School as the projected audience compacity could not be accommodated by the Township building occupancy capacity. The normal attendance numbers were swelled by the proposed Amazon warehouse that is on Downingtown School owned property that also contains Historical Structures. Historical structure preservation would be of interest to the Historical Commission.

Publicity: The Town Lively publication is no longer being printed. The East Brandywine April 2023 newsletter had a synopsis on the Uwchlan Historical Commission work on a Historic Tree Ordinance.

Planning Commission Liaison: April scheduled meeting was cancelled.

Library: Lee Wisdom is continuing to file and re-organizing library articles and publications.

Open House Report: The first Open House for 2023 on April 1 had good attendance for a chilly day. School House attendance 13 and Cadwalader 11.

**New Business:** Lou Paul has planned for our participation in the 2023 Uwchlan Township Community Day.

**Other Business:** It should be noted for the record that a Uwchlan Police Officer was made available by the Township for the April meeting. The police presence was a precautionary measure due to the presence of a large crowd at the BOS meeting. There were no incidents from the three people who came to our meeting.

Next Meeting Thursday May 11, 2023, at the Cadwalader House 7:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM. by Chair Lee Wisdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Huffman  
Secretary,  
For the Commission