



**Warwick Township Historical Commission
Minutes
May 19, 2025**

Members Present: David Lignore, Karl Snyder, Janet Gebhardt, Matt Tongiani

Call to Order: David Lignore called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Matt Tongiani made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2025 as written. David Lignore seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Public Comment: There were no Public Comments this evening.

America 250: Karl Snyder communicated some new ideas regarding our celebration of America 250 next year. The suggestion was made to ask the author of the book regarding the Cannon discovery to talk, as well as the author of the book regarding the dig and process required to unearth the cannons, as well as hopefully finding other people to offer information about other historical events or knowledge about our township 250 years ago. As an example, George Washington and his troops camped in our township, and that would be interesting information to describe. Merrill Walters might have up to 10 carriages available to provide carriage rides through the township, remarking on various historical points of interest on the tour.

It was discussed that early June 2026 or early September 2026 might be good possibilities for holding our America 250 event. The speeches/talks, carriage tours, and other events could possibly culminate in a social at the Warwick Township Building for the community.



Iron Bridge Updates: Colleen Patton, Township Administrator, is completing a letter to be sent to the County requesting copies of the reports and data compiled by the County which impacted the PennDOT preliminary plans for repairing and restoring the Iron Bridge. These are reports of engineering and traffic studies, as well as the PennDOT standards that were stated to be the impetus for their plan. Once those reports are received, the Warwick and East Nantmeal Township Historical Commissions and Boards of Supervisors will be better able to provide reasons for our disapproval of this plan.

State Representative Paul Friel may be coming to our next Board of Supervisors meeting to learn more about the Iron Bridge updates and proposed PennDOT plan and our position regarding this plan.

Adjournment: David Lignore adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet H. Gebhardt, Secretary
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