



Warwick Township Historical Commission
Minutes
September 15, 2025

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

Call to Order: David Lignore called the meeting to order at 6:46PM.

Approval of Minutes: Karl Snyder made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2025, as written. Matt Tongiani seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Public Comment: There were no Public Comments this evening.

America 250 – Quincentennial Committee: Eileen Cameron, Chairman of the Warwick Township Board of Supervisors reported that Mary Wickerham has agreed to chair the Quincentennial Committee.

Karl Snyder reported that he had spoken to Bill Gladden, and he said it does not appear to be a problem to use the property across from the Cannon Site.

It was noted that Penny Hunt is possibly another good choice for the Quincentennial Committee, as she has experience and is interested in helping.

There are a number of facts that will need to be researched and checked for accuracy before the Committee sets up specific talks for our celebration next year. One such fact is that it is known that George Washington did camp in our township, but there is a discrepancy as to whether or not he was present for several weeks or just one day. Also,



some history says that George Washington was responsible for the burying of the cannons recently uncovered, while other history infers that, while he may have ordered the cannons to be hidden, he might not have physically been present for that operation. The cannons were buried approximately 40" deep, because if the cannons had been discovered by the British, Washington's men could have been charged with treason. Others say that the cannons were not buried, but put there and simply covered with silt and eroding soil over the years. It is important that we make sure that any information provided during our 250-year celebration is true and accurate.

Mary Wickerham will let the Historical Commission know the progress of the Quincentennial Committee each month as we go forward.

It was suggested that possibly a banner or appropriate sign be made to show the schedule for any events planned for next year's celebration. These might include a Barbecue, a ball, cannon talks, carriage drives, picnic or meals, talks about George Washington, the Village, talks about the lavender farm, and other events. It was suggested that classical music be performed at some events, and the idea of an antique car show was also proffered. Merrill Walters has about 12 carriages that could be used to parade through the township, or be placed where residents could see them. (He said he cannot take passengers due to insurance reasons). Another idea was to give Graveyard Tours and Churchyard Tours, as we have a number of both that might be interesting to offer. Historical pictures will be collected from residents if possible, and could be displayed in the Township Building.

There was a mention of the possibility of the County offering traveling tours to access events throughout the County.



Craig Williams stated that he has a copy of a letter from George Washington in September of 1777 which he would be willing to loan for the events. Eileen Cameron also stated that she has a lot of "historical" things that need to be categorized to be used. Photographs need to be collected.

Dan Graham will be contacted to see if he would be willing to give a talk about his book regarding the cannons.

Iron Bridge Updates: There is a possible meeting scheduled for September 24, 2025 to discuss the situation concerning the Iron Bridge with residents and PennDot. Information was provided regarding the results of the traffic data collected for class, speed and volume.

Adjournment: David Lignore adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gebhardt, Secretary
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