



**Warwick Township Historical Commission
Minutes
February 16, 2026**

Members Present: Karl Snyder, Janet Gebhardt, Matt Tongiani, Craig Williams

Call to Order: Karl Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Approval of Organization Meeting and Regular Minutes: Karl Snyder made a motion to approve the Organization Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2026. Matt Tongiani seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Karl Snyder made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2026. Craig Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Public Comment: There were no Public Comments this evening.

Semi-Quincentennial Meeting Update: Craig Williams stated that the next meeting of the Warwick America250 meeting will be on March 11, 2026, most probably at 7PM.

He reported that the proposed Town Tour has been cancelled. He contacted Dave Blackburn on the Planning Commission, who assured him that this proposed event is not on the calendar for this year. There was a concern about St. Peters Road construction being completed in time for holding a tour. Apparently there has been some difficulty getting the pilings needed to continue the foundation construction during December, as well as difficulty where work is being done at the bottom of the hill which may be impacted right now due to weather and extreme cold.



Craig discussed the continuing planning and agreement on speakers to give lectures during the celebration. Dan Graham is interested, and Jim Moore was suggested as a possible additional speaker. It was recommended that we find a speaker who was actually involved in the retrieval of the cannons, which were originally discovered by use of drones. Craig discussed an article that was found regarding a past firing of an "old" cannon and a person who wanted to sit on the cannon during the demonstration; the cannon actually blew up when fired.

Estelle Cremers' daughter may have some other pictures or writings or documents that might be pertinent to the celebration.

The ball is still being planned in October, following the "big" celebration day in September. A drive-through of the carriages throughout the township is planned for the week after the ball.

The name of Penny Hunt was recommended as a liaison with the French and Pickering Trust.

Adjournment: Karl Snyder adjourned the meeting at 7:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet H. Gebhardt, Secretary
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