



Warwick Township Historical Commission
Minutes
May 18, 2026

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

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

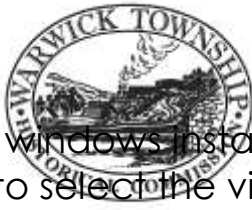
Approval of Minutes: Craig Williams made a motion to approve the HC Minutes of April 16, 2026 as written. Matt Tongiani seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Public Comment: There were no Public Comments this evening.

Applications: 1] Dwight and Bev Alderfer, 2204 Harmonyville Road, Elverson, PA 19520, Class 2, Zoning District R-1, Parcel #19-2-94, returned to continue their application for approval to build a new 2-car garage measuring 24' x 34'. Their application of April 14, 2026 was amended with David Lignore to include the installation of new vinyl windows on the second floor, and the installation of a new handrail on the roof over the existing garage in composite white or black metal railing.

Karl Snyder suggested the possibility of stucco instead of siding on the new garage to match the house, but Mr. Alderfer said they prefer the siding, which was approved at the April 16, 2026 meeting. He also informed the HC that the cupola has been removed from the proposed new garage.

Mr. Alderfer thanked us for the Design Guidelines given to him. He stated that Frank Guest had started replacing the windows on the first floor, but Mr. Alderfer could not find any printed information on the



make or model of the vinyl windows installed. He is working with Elverson Supply Company to select the vinyl windows for the second floor. He intends to use Viwinco Windows, and provided a copy of the catalog from Viwinco. The exterior and interior casings are intact on the second floor windows. The windows will be 6 over 6 grids, with the upper and lower sashes being operable.

Craig Williams made a motion to approve the installation of windows to match the first floor windows already replaced with Viwinco Replacement Windows. Matt Tongiani seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The handrail around the roof of the existing garage needs to be replaced, and Mr. Alderfer explained that he does not want to put posts or anchors through the rubber and asphalt on the roof. David Lignore informed Mr. Alderfer of a product by Intex with railing choices for a flat roof. They include aluminum, all PVC composite materials, and are code-sufficient. This gives Mr. Alderfer added alternatives for railings in black or white composite, which he said he will investigate.

Matt Tongiani made a motion to approve the different choices for the railings. Craig Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

David Lignore and Mr. Alderfer both signed the amended Application Form dated May 18, 2026.

2] Karl and Desiree Birnbauer, 1860 Harmonyville Road, Pottstown, PA 19465, Class 1, Parcel Number 19-03-0059 and 20-01-0014, are continuing their application for approval to build an addition to the back of the house for a larger, new kitchen, expansion of the master bedroom, and adding covered porches. Their architect, Brett Hand, was present this evening.

David Lignore, Karl Snyder, the Birnbrauers and their architect, Brett Hand, met on May 5th at this property to discuss possible alternatives to the current proposed drawings. It was agreed to change the left front



end addition roof-line to match the roof-line of the main part of the house.

David Lignore made a motion to approve the application as submitted with the May 7, 2026 drawing. Craig Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

David Lignore and Brett Hand signed the May 7, 2026 drawing.

Semi-Quincentennial meeting update: Craig Williams explained that the locations for vendors, speakers, music, and parking were confirmed at their last meeting.

He met with the archaeologists who want to do an actual dig near the site where the last cannons were found. There appears to be a trail near this area, so they want to possibly do at least 3 digs along that area. Ray Bentley has a special wood tool that can locate "hits" down to a depth of 40' or so to indicate slag or cannon pieces. Craig suggests placing flags where this wand may find possible hits prior to the digs occurring.

The Committee is still looking for a few more vendors. Also, one idea is to bury a time capsule, but it has not yet been confirmed to do this.

A large banner will hopefully be ready for display before the Blues Fest as a start to further notify the Township citizens of upcoming events for the Semi-Quincentennial celebration.

Adjournment: David Lignore adjourned the meeting at 7:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet H. Gebhardt, Secretary
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