

MINUTES

BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING 2PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025, STONE PROPERTY, BROOKLYN

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer

The meeting commenced at 2:00 PM with an opening prayer led by Reverend Lucas Taylor, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report and last year's minutes

The Secretary passed out copies of the annual secretary report for all attendees and reviewed it without reading it verbatim.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer made a report on the balance in the checking account of \$5,910.61 and referenced our maturing CD at Peoples Security Bank and Trust currently valued at \$16,265.63. The annual audit has not been completed yet, but is in work.

Attendees: Attendees- Dan Ungaro, David Palmer, Annie Palmer, Richard Zick, Diane Kilmer, Sara Miller, Barbara Kelly, Cindy Reynolds, Ron Gardoski, Karen Gardoski, Carol McCall, Lucas Taylor, Joane Gere, Rocky Corona, Martha Franklin, Lourdes Ungaro, and Bill Beeman.

OLD BUSINESS:

Covert camera repair/replacement: Discussion was also held on the status of the covert camera on the site and its need for a replacement by the company from which it was purchased over two years ago. Diane Kilmer and Annie Palmer are working the technical issues with the "Covert" Inc. company to correct the issue.

Brooklyn School Site Park: Bill Beeman spoke of the status of the construction of the planned pavilion on the old school site by the Township and its relationship to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant of approximately \$180,000. The effort is expected to be a multi-year project. It will include the construction by the society (BHS) or a memorial to the school.

Memorial for School/Students: This effort is funded by a matching grant from the Endless Mountains Heritage Region (EMHR). Cindy Reynolds is developing memorial verbiage. Salvaged bricks from the old school will be used to build the pedestal for this memorial. Kenny Mason of Brooklyn Township will be entertained to construct the pedestal. David Palmer will coordinate the location of the pedestal with the Brooklyn Township Supervisors, to minimize its impact on future construction. The EMHR grant effort must be completed by September 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

BHS Pamphlet/Brochure: Richard McKnight spoke of the status of a BHS pamphlet he has designed and passed it out for review by the membership. It is hoped to have these done in time for September 20, 2025; Local Historical Societies display at the Viewmont Mall in Scranton. David Palmer, Richard McKnight, and Richard Zick will attend the event representing the BHS during this three- hour display.

Wreaths Across America 2025: Wreaths Across America 2024 effort was discussed and all agreed to do it again in 2025. The wreaths will be placed on graves of Veterans at the Dennis Farm Charitable Land Trust, cemetery.

Martins Creek Viaduct Scenic Overlook: Richard Zick spoke on the status of the overlook and its future role in the Heritage Trail event being held on October 4, 2025, throughout Susquehanna County. The site will be one of approximately twelve sites on the tour for motorists throughout the county. The effort is being planned and conducted by a consortium of county historical societies and sites as part of the celebration of America250PA. He mentioned the site was also visited by an organized group from the Susquehanna County Farm Bureau in May of this year.

TODDS damage on US Route 11: David Palmer reported on the status of the repair of the damaged TODS signage on U.S. Route 11. The north bound sign that directs motorists to the scenic overlook was damaged by construction vehicles. PENNDOT has promised to have it fixed by the October 4th Heritage Trail event.

Members Passed: Members noted as having passed away this past year were memorialized with a moment of silence. They include Perina Kinney and Patricia Pratt

Future of the Brooklyn Historical Society: Discussion revolved around the need for members to become more active by volunteering for events and for future efforts to organize and archive our collections. It was agreed to have a work session at the BHS location in the basement of the Stone house (the location of this meeting) to begin this effort on September 11, 2025. Several members present indicated a desire to help that day. The BHS has purchased appropriate archival storage folders, boxes, and other items to facilitate this hands-on effort.

ELECTIONS OF BHS NOMINATED OFFICERS:

President:	Open
Vice President:	Richard P. McKnight Jr.
Secretary:	Dave Palmer
Treasurer:	Dan Ungaro
Family History Trustee:	Lana Fluck
Publications Trustee:	Open
Artifacts & Memorabilia Trustee:	Grant Palmer
President Emeritus:	Richard Zick Sr.

In the absence of any new nominations or volunteers, the current list of officers will be maintained in the new year commencing August 11, 2025, and until the next annual meeting- date and location to be announced.

WORK SESSION: Archive and storage in the BHS office location.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5 PM.

DAVI J PALMER, Secretary
Brooklyn Historical Society