Haverford Township - Historical Commission

Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 1014 Darby Rd., Havertown Pa., 19083 - Room B

Minutes

Call to order (Barucco) – 7:01 pm

Attendees:

Board Members Present:

Suzanna Barucco, Chair, Stacey Mattox, Vice Chair, Mark Hoffman, Tim Lucci, Bryan Ramona, Dr. Keith Swift

Also Present

Sheryl Forste-Grupp, Haverford Township Commissioner
Marge Buchanan, Deputy Zoning Officer, Haverford Township
Mark Christake, Applicant/Owner , 1510 Ashton Road

Olivia Sacco, girlfriend of Applicant, 1510 Ashton Road
George Christake, father of Applicant, 1510 Ashton Road
Anthony Marchesani, uncle of Applicant, 1510 Ashton Road
Jon Druhan – Board President, Discover Haverford

Jeanne Angell – Executive Director, Discover Haverford
Angelo Capuzzi – Board member, Discover Haverford
Marcus Shera, observer

Documents Received:

1510 Ashton Road

HTHC Application Checklist, letter, photographs of historic resource, and plan page A2.01 (Andersen Design Group, 5/1/2026).

Copy of Township Violation Notice issued 6/1/2026, citing violations to Zoning Code §182-902.A,

§182-902.B, §182-1306.B, and §182-1306.G

Discover Haverford

Document, “Action Plan 5. Historic Preservation”

Approval of May Minutes (tabled)

1510 Ashton Road, Sears Catalogue House, “Strathmore,” Havertown, PA (045-HA-090)

The Applicant was seeking HTHC review and recommendations for a project already under construction. The roof of this Historic Resource has been demolished and other exterior modifications made, resulting in the loss of significant character-defining features of this

historic Sears “Strathmore” design house. This work was undertaken without an approved permit, in violation of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is also within 100’ of Historic Resource 045-HA-091.

The Applicant stated that he was unaware that the house was a Historic Resource.

The Applicant Stated that as a new homebuyer he was unaware that a building permit for exterior work was needed, and in any case, he thought his contractor was obtaining the building permit.

Applicant was advised that the work completed to date would likely not be approved by the Historical Commission.

The Applicant was advised to address Zoning within 30 days and then return to the Historical Commission.

Discover Haverford Presentation/Discussion

Members of Discover Haverford attended the HTHC meeting to discuss potential zoning options for the seven shopping districts in the township, such as establishing historic districts or other designations to preserve the architectural character of these areas. These districts include Oakmont Village (Eagle Road between Darby and East Darby Roads, containing HRS 045-HA-112, 045-HA-113A, and 045-HA-113B).

Examples of other historic shopping districts that have been established were discussed, including in Wayne and West Chester.

Planning Commission Updates

It was reported that revisions/design improvements are being proposed to car wash at Haverford Road and Loraine Street in Ardmore.

Zoning Ordinance Update

Zoning revisions workshop at CREC in September

Opportunity to expand/strengthen historical commission review

Possibility of consultant to attend HC meeting

Plaque Program Update (tabled)

Powell House Update (tabled)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 (Ramona motioned, Swift seconded, all in favor)