

East Brandywine Historical Commission Meeting January 14, 2026

Present: John Black, Jim Buczala, Sharon Buczala, Rob Lopez, and Frank Nazzario

Also Present: Noah Stribrny

Meeting opened at 7:06 pm; Adjourned at 8:26 pm

Review and approval of minutes

The minutes for the December 2025 meeting were approved as amended.

Chesco250, America's 250th Anniversary Planning

- Sharon B. working on timeline, will continue on captions. Will send to all Historical Commission members for comments and input.
 - Need to prioritize items.
 - Frank has a vendor selected; need dimensions for sign/placard.
- Jim B attended the Twp Parks & Rec meeting last Monday (01/05) to talk to them about coordinating programs with them.
 - They don't have anything scheduled at the Park around the July 4th, but the Downingtown Baptist Church has a food truck event at the Community Park on July 12th. They were attending the P&R meeting re planning for that event and were warm to the idea of our making award presentations for our 250th Student Art Competition at the event; a Dare to Declare reading of the Constitution is also a possibility.
 - The idea of placing our Time Line banner at social events was fine with them (it's passive).
 - Jim B will follow up with the Church to confirm participation in their July 12th event.
- Student Art Competition – Downingtown Area School District
 - Noah S. will scan all artwork for Historical Commission to vote on. All entries will be put on Township website. Top 12 will be on separate page on township website after Historical Commission votes.
 - Board of Supervisors and People's Choice will be just top 12 (# in each category)
 - Timeline:
 - Submissions accepted March through May
 - Historical Commission will vote on top 3 in each category in June and will announce the winners at June meeting.
 - Award ceremony will be in July at either the Community Park or The monthly Commission meeting.
 - Promote through:
 - Downingtown Area School District

- Library
- Township web site & Social Media
- MileMarker
- Noah S. will design materials and send to Historical Commission members for review and feedback.
- Jim B. will talk to Lee Wisdom (School Board) about promoting and Ed Flagg (Baptist Church) about award ceremony associated with the Baptist Church's food truck event at the Community Park on July 12th.
- Summary of East Brandywine 250 events for CCHPN newsletter:
 - Screening of short videos created by local high school seniors covering various aspects of the evolution of the Township.
 - Timeline display of significant events in the history of the Township.
 - Artwork created by local school students on the topic "What does America mean to you?"
 - Jim B. will use this input to work up something for the CCHPN event summary.

Hadfield Road Bridge #244

Final inspection will be held on Friday January 16, 2026.

Historic Resource Markers

Sharon B. still needs to go to Chester County History Center to work on Deed search for Lopez property.

Speaker Series – Fall 2026

- March – To be determined
 - The Quilt topic is out (speaker doesn't want to rework her talk to focus on the symbolism found in quilt patterns).
 - It was suggested that Bob Wise might be able to fill this slot (he has several "canned" talks that he can pull from, including Architecture). Jim B. will reach out and provide an introduction to Frank N. for planning.
- April – Jane Dorchester will speak on Serpentine stone use in historic buildings.
- May – Terry Necciai with Doug Rontondo – Barn and farm yard layout
- Increase speakers honorarium to \$200

Planning Commission

No updates

EB Township Updates

- The Township was successful in getting the grant to support the purchase for their Open Space program.
- DCNR grant for the All Abilities Playground was not awarded

- Zoning Officer to send plans for Ecomides lots (2018/2020 Bondsville) to members of the Historical Commission.
- Carol Schmidt honored posthumously at the Township's Volunteer Recognition Dinner last November. Jim B. presented the award to her daughters.

Action Steps:

Sharon B. – Work on deed search for HR-102.

Sharon B. – Township History timeline captions to be completed by February 2026 meeting.

Will send spreadsheet to all members for review and comments.

Jim B. – Talk to Lee Wisdom (DASD) re: promoting Student Art Competition.

Jim B will follow up with Ed Flagg (Baptist Church) regarding presenting awards for the Student Art Competition and, possibly, a Dare to Declare reading of the Constitution at their July 12th event.

Jim B. – Explore flexibility of density restrictions.

TBD – work on updating HR Survey