

The Upland Borough Historical Commission (The Commission) is an advisory board to the members of the borough council. The Commission was created by an ordinance in November of 2009. The purposes of this commission, as listed in the ordinance, are as follows:

- A. To promote the general welfare by protecting the integrity of the historic resources of the Borough of Upland;
- B. To mitigate the negative effects of future proposed changes upon historic resources;
- C. To encourage the continuation of historic resources and facilitate their appropriate reuse;
- D. To promote among the residents of Upland Borough a knowledge of the history of the community and an appreciation for the accomplishments of its citizens;
- E. To encourage and support the collection and preservation of materials of historic value related to the Borough of Upland;
- F. To encourage and support research into the history of the Borough with a view to discovering previously unknown facts concerning the Borough's history;
- G. To facilitate compliance with recommendations of the most recent Comprehensive Plan documents that "the Borough of Upland establish a Historical Commission which will be responsible, in part, for advising the Borough Council on matters affecting the Borough's historic resources";
- H. To identify buildings and sites of historic interest and significance in the Borough for the purposes of national registration;
- I. To encourage the preservation of historic settings and landscapes;
- J. To discourage the unnecessary demolition or deterioration of historic resources; and
- K. To implement the goals of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Article I, Section 27, establishing the policy of this commonwealth of encouraging the preservation of historic and aesthetic resources.

Our historical commission may oversee all aspects of preservation in the Borough, from advising Borough Council, the Borough Planning Commission and the Borough Zoning Hearing Board (upon request), conducting surveys, writing histories, applying for National Register status, seeking grants and developing ordinances, to educating the residents.

Its responsibilities are Borough-wide.

Councilman Ray Peden has been asked by council to serve as "acting" chairman of the Historical Commission until the five (5) permanent members have been appointed, by council resolution, and the chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary have been duly elected.

Ray is requesting all citizens of Upland who have an interest in borough history, and would like to be considered for membership on the Historical Commission, or would like more information about what is required of the members, get in touch with him at his home at 610-876-0516, on his cell phone at 610-304-6078, or Email him at hrpeden@uplandboro.org. Please refer to Upland Code Chapter 15 for more details