

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2007

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chair Kathryn Yahraes, Vice Chair Monica Close and members Linda Gordon, Sue Ciorletti, Connie Bain, Ellen Carmody and Ben Rohrbeck. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Ginnie Newlin (Conservancy Board), Ruth Scadding (Park & Recreation Board).

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MINUTES

Linda moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2007 Meeting as corrected. Sue seconded the motion. No public comment or further discussion was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2007 Workshop as corrected. Ben seconded the motion. No public comment or further discussion was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Activity Calendar –

1. The Community Yard Sale was moved to 9/15 (9/16 Rain Date).
2. The Adopt a Highway Cleanup has been scheduled for 9/22 (9/29 Rain Date).
3. The Illumination of Paoli Battlefield is scheduled for 10/25, possibly following the Halloween Parade.

B. Announcements –

1. The Deer Management Committee meeting is scheduled for 7/16 at 7pm.
2. The Massey House has scheduled a Candlelight Tour and Civil War Lecture on 7/21 at 6:30pm. The event is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.
3. Karen Marshall (CC P & R Department) needs someone to replace their butter churner and colonial games leader at the County's Historical Camps. They need (4) 45 minute sessions from 9am-12noon on Wed. 7/18 at Springton Manor and Mon. 7/23 at Hibernia Park. Call 610-344-6415 if you can help.

E. CHAIR REPORT

NONE

F. OLD BUSINESS

A. Members finalized plans for the Town Tours & Walks, scheduled for July 19th (rain or shine).

1. Refreshments –

- a. Monica distributed pretzels from the Philly Pretzel Factory on North Church Street in West Chester who can supply 100 mini pretzels for \$19.99. Monica will order 250 mini pretzels (1 day advance notice required).
- b. Linda will order chocolate chip cookies from Acme's bakery. Thirty are sold in a bag for \$3.99 each. She will order 10 bags (300 cookies). Linda will check for a discount and purchase a few trays from the dollar store.

- c. Kathryn talked to Ed Costantini from Swiss Farms, who agreed to donate 200 (1) pt. containers of water, lemonade and ice tea. They will deliver the beverages, chilled. Mark Miller will set up containers to hold the drinks.
 - d. Kathryn left a message with Herr's Factory about getting 250-300 pretzel/potato chip bags. Leftovers can be used on Living History Day. Napkins will need to be purchased.
2. Handouts – members reviewed the list of brochures that will be distributed; they will be placed on a table with weights on the handouts.
 3. Publicity – will be primarily post-event.
 4. Grounds – Mark Miller's crew will mow the grass and Sue and Connie will weed the Plank House garden before the event.
 5. Volunteers – should arrive by 5pm. There are 18 confirmed. ABC members are helping. The HC needs to figure out *exactly* how many people are needed in each area. All ABC's were emailed and Kathryn will call them personally. Ruth Scadding may have a conflict but will contact the other Park & Rec. members to see if they can help. Don McConathy will be asked to do part of the welcome. Ginnie Newlin will probably be able to help on the Wetlands Boardwalk and will contact Jane Fava to see if she can help too. Eileen Battavio and a couple other people are also interested in helping.
 6. Parking – will take place at East Goshen School and along East Boot Road. Cones will be set up and volunteers will help with crossing at these areas. Kathryn will call the Chief of Police to help monitor the event. If there is a fee, they may look for volunteers from the fire company instead.
 7. Registration – although it is not necessary, most people pre-register. They should get numbers on Monday and daily updates thereafter. Mortonville had 200 pre-registered, Phoenixville had 195 (145 showed even in the rain). East Goshen expects about 200.
 8. Tables – there are three tables in the Blacksmith Shop but should get additional ones from the Township building. Table will be needed for check-in, refreshments, the CCHPN, and book/mug sales. Five picnic tables would be a good number for people use. The two tents will also be set up.
 9. Map & Point People – Gary will make a scaled map of the area and label it with reference numbers for distribution to people as they arrive. Kathryn suggested organized tours in groups but the majority of the board concluded that allowing people to freely tour the area would be better for individuals. Ruth agreed that it allows people to linger in spots that interest them. Laminated directional signs could be used to help direct people as well. After some discussion, members decide to include a brief description (on the reverse side) about the cemetery, Grange, Connie's house, Goshen Meeting and the Tory Inne, to correspond to numbers on the maps being provided. After further discussion, members agreed to station point people at the following locations: the cemetery, front and side of Goshen Meeting, at the little cemetery, the Grange, Connie's house (Sharpless House), the Plank House Garden, two spots on the boardwalk and in the Blacksmith Shop and Plank House. Ellen recommended that stationed guides should keep their information focused on their specific sites because it would entice people to come back on Chester County Day or Living History Day to learn more details; members concurred.
 10. Assignments – members discussed who would work which stations:
 - a. Large Cemetery
 - b. Goshen Meeting - Nancy Diversa
 - c. Little Cemetery
 - d. Grange – Betsy Huber or Sara Credeur
 - e. Sharpless House – Connie – there are good stories and history at that can be discussed here. She will also cover the Presbyterian Chapel as well.
 - f. Garden – Linda Polishuk or Dolores Higgins
 - g. Boardwalk – ideally Ginnie Newlin and Jane Fava can be stationed at two different spots. The rejuvenation of the site after the moving ceased as well as the

work by the Boy Scouts can be discussed. There is a green handout to be distributed.

- h. Blacksmith Shop – Ben will discuss the Conestoga Wagon too. Norm Glass and Charlie Lang will handle the meeting room.
 - i. Plank House – Linda will mention the Fryberger’s House and Tory Inne. Linda will get two regular volunteers to staff the kitchen and living room in the Plank House.
 - j. Books/Mug Table – Sue
 - k. Registration Table – Ellen, Bob, Ed & Mary Lendrat.
 - l. Refreshments Table – Monica
11. Costumes – Everyone who can will be in costume. Linda, Nancy Diversa, Sue, Ben Dolores Higgins and the two Plank House volunteers have costumes. Ruth will check to see if there are any “East Goshen Volunteer” shirts available for people to wear. Kathryn will look into ordering Historical Commission shirts for current members after the event.
- B. Living History Day – members agreed to discuss vendors at the August meeting.
- C. Project Updates
1. Linda has transcribed Carol Sinquet and Jennie Welde Hull and is starting to work on the third (Virginia Love). She found Mae Schmitt’s info and will sort through. She continues to inventory the files, re-file and create of list of what is in the filing cabinet.
 2. Ellen said the house on East Grand Oak is vacant and the owner is willing to let them go through it. There was a leak from the 2nd floor bathroom that damaged the Dining Room so the Realtor wants it repaired before the HC goes through it. Members agreed that Monday, 7/23 at 6pm would work for everyone; Ellen will contact the owner and confirm.
 3. Kathryn will attend the August Planning Commission meeting. Connie will be the back-up.
 4. Ben reported that when the wagon was being re-housed following Living History Day, the Blacksmith Shop suffered a near collapse when the wagon hit the drill press support, which just missed a key roof support. The drill has been relocated and the shaft repaired and greased by Mark Miller. Agway in Lancaster is a possible coal supplier but they are still looking for a source for metal. Ben developed a display for the wheel-wright and located more tools for display. Monica will take pictures during her house duty this weekend for insurance purposes. There have been 148 visitors logged in at the Plank House so far this year, which seems to be an increase from 2006.
 5. Linda has not brought up the building for the Conestoga Wagon with the BOS yet but looked up quotes on-line. Yankee Barn People came back with a \$40,000 estimate for a barn for the wagon. When Linda looked up “run-in sheds” she found prefab, 3-side barns, 12x24 feet for approximately \$6000, including delivery, from a company located in Lancaster County. They would need to make a door for the one end and insert plexi-glass in the windows. Space for placement of a barn is limited by the floodplains; members agreed that they might need to let go of the sleigh or a second wagon.
 6. Goshen Fair – members agreed to staff the township Booth on Tuesday July 31 from 6:00 – 10:30 pm.
 7. Kings Highway Signs – Ben recommended placing the signs on both sides of the post for Hershey Mill Road, south of Greenhill Road, and a third sign under the “Welcome to East Goshen” sign south of Immaculata. Kathryn got a quote of \$650 for two signs and \$890 for three signs. Ben said \$803.50 is the lowest price he got from Mark Miller for two signs and would ask Mark to get an updated quote. There is \$6000 left in their budget to spend. Kathryn said there are approximately \$700 worth of outstanding bills not reflected on the budget and Linda recommended getting a breakdown of what has been charged to each category to confirm the budget accuracy before proceeding. Members agreed to support the project and are in favor of three signs over two.

G. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Kathryn thanked everyone for sharing liaison reports via email.

- B. Park & Rec - Ruth said the YMCA didn't like the original placement of the pavilion in East Goshen Park so they have agreed to relocate the existing gazebo (by the new bathroom facility) and put the new pavilion in its place. In lieu of a monument, Ben suggested naming the pavilion as a "veteran's memorial" and members agreed. Ruth also reported that since the fireworks had been rained on and unused, they were disposed of by burying them. No refund was given but they may look into event insurance next year; donations did help defer the costs. Charolette's Web was cancelled due to weather. Kathryn suggested including rain dates for the outdoor movies in the future.

H. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Gary Althouse (*Township Building Inspector*) - reported that the Cogill Barn located at 1523 Richards Drive in Marydell will become a single-family home, not apartments. Swiss Farms has some ADA compliance issues that are delaying the opening. Members discussed the final colors on the building but agreed that the project is turning out very nice. Kathryn said they need to make sure that they are more specific with their recommendations and that the recommendations are designated on the applicant's plans. A late July or early August opening is expected.

I. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

NONE

J. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

K. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

L. ADJOURNMENT

Linda made a motion to adjourn. Sue seconded the motion. No public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Tracie Hill, Recording Secretary