

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2007

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chair Kathryn Yahraes, Vice Chair Monica Close and members Sue Ciorletti, Ellen Carmody, Connie Bain and Ben Rohrbeck. Linda Gordon was not in attendance (excused). Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Joe McDonough (Board of Supervisors), Ruth Scadding (Park & Recreation Board) and Ginnie Newlin (Conservancy Board).

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2007 as corrected. Monica seconded the motion. No public comment. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The minutes from the February 28, 2007 workshop to discuss Sage Film and Video will be reviewed at the April meeting.
- B. Activity Calendar – No changes
- C. Charter Day, the Anniversary of William Penn Charter, will be March 11, 2007 for all the sites listed with the PHMC. Admission to the museums is free.
- D. Tentatively, the date to honor Art Polishuk is April 17, 2007 at the Board of Supervisors' Meeting.
- E. The new Planning Commission member is Al Zuccarello. At one time he served on the West Goshen Planning Commission. He now lives in Hershey's Mill.
- F. The CATO directory will be available March 15. This is the 100th anniversary edition that is highlighting the township histories. Out of 53 townships in Chester County all but 10 submitted histories.
- G. Historical Commission members received their Township jackets tonight. They thanked the Board of Supervisors for providing them to all ABC members.
- H. Kathy Glass is short several staff members and asked to postpone her presentation until next month or later.
- I. After the BOS meeting last week, Don McConathy said his neighbors (Phil & Beverly Byers) have a carriage and possibly a sleigh they might want to donate to the Historical Commission. Thom Clapper is researching grants and other resources to pay for the storage building for the Conestoga wagon. Ellen pointed out that the Township should have a place to preserve the carriage and sleigh, too. The Commission would like to have the Byers' pieces. Kathryn and Don will meet with them.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sage Film & Video Project – At the Feb. 28, 2007 workshop, the Commission discussed the purpose and focus of the video, what should be covered, who would the audience be and distribution of the documentary. Jane Pollini provided a more detailed schedule as a sample. Joe McDonough reminded everyone that this project needs the Supervisors' approval. The focus should be to celebrate East Goshen. Ben voiced concern about the cost of the project. Joe also feels that before too much effort

- is put into this, a decision needs to be made regarding a commitment for the funds. Further discussion on this project will take place at the April meeting.
- B. Chester County Day will be held on Sat. October 6 and volunteers will be needed.
 - C. 2007 Goals – Kathryn asked everyone to check and make sure they were assigned to the correct goals.
 - D. Volunteer Update – More volunteers are needed for the Plank House for 3-hour blocks of time from 1-4 p.m., Saturdays or Sundays. April 1, at 1:30 p.m. will be orientation for the volunteers, which will last about 1.5 hours. When the dates for the Town Tours & Village Walks are received, volunteers also will be needed. And volunteers are needed for the Living History Days June 2 and September 15.
 - E. Images of America Book – The Oral History Project List “interviewee list” was reviewed as a possible source for pictures. Members will call people on the list to ask for photos. There also is a request in the Township Newsletter for pictures. She emphasized that this is a request for pictures only and not to schedule the oral history portion.
 - F. Oral History Project – Linda’s portion tabled until April.
 - G. Property Research – Kathryn gave a report for Ed Lendrat. Completed are: N. Chester Road 600, 732, 734 and 1152. In process are: N. Chester Road 336 & 338, Westtown Way 208, Paoli Pike 1615. He is also working on Goshen Friends and the Grange. Chain of Title will be included in next month’s packets.
 - H. Other Old Business
 - i. National History Day Judging – This will be held at Immaculata on March 10. 330 students are registered and 13 exhibitors will be there.
 - ii. BOS Resolutions – Everyone should review this. Joe reminded everyone that discussion and decisions are to be made at public meetings only and emails should not be used for decision-making as this is a violation of the Sunshine Law.
 - iii. Regional Historical group will meet March 28 at 6:30 PM.
 - iv. Dedication for Nancy Hayward’s bench – Kathryn suggested having it at the June Living History Day. Ginnie Newlin needs the exact location for the tree and how much money is available. Linda will contact Ginnie about available funds when she returns from Florida.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Goshen Fair – This may be a good place to get secure additional pictures, recruit volunteers and have more exposure to the public for the Township ABC’s. Joe suggested that they check to see if there is a charge to have a table. Ben thought that maybe the Regional Historical Group might want to have a table. He also feels that the table the Commission has at the 4th of July should be expanded.
- B. Keep Goshen Beautiful Day – This will be held on Sat. April 14, 2007. Meet at the Township Building at 8:30 a.m. The Commission will take Rt. 352 from Paoli Pike to Manley Road. Monica will coordinate our efforts.
- C. Master Gardeners - Ginnie Newlin reported that they will have a tree sale in East Goshen this coming October 2007. She suggested that the Historical Commission might want to have a table there.

7. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

- A. Willis Track subdivision (East Boot Road) - This plan is for a new additional house and includes a house already on the property. Ben moved to accept the name “Gateswood” for this project. Sue seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously. The Historic Resource Impact Study was reviewed with the following comments:
 - Pg 6 – Covers the historic development of the tract
 - Pg 12 – Shows a chain of title. Ed will need to compare this.

Sec. 4, Pgs 16-31 contain a lot of historic information
Pg 33 – Changes, Impacts & Recommendations – demolition of the existing building and plans for 2 new buildings.

Pg 38 – Covers landscape screening

Concern – Easement used for the driveway is actually on the adjacent property. Kathryn suggested everyone drive by. A site visit can be planned at a later date when the weather is better.

- B. James Cogill Barn (1523 B Richard Dr) – They want to convert the barn to apartments. An Historic Resource Impact Study will be needed.
- C. Oxford Gateway – The street names will be Eskin, Hoskins and Cloud Place. Kathryn will send a thank you to the Developer and suggested that a short article be put in the Township Newsletter about the three developers who have cooperated with the Historical Commission in naming their streets and subdivisions.

8. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission – Monica reported that Sullivan’s Grove is on hold for now. 1834 E. Boot Road is more than 500 ft to the historic property. The Planning Commission discussed the slope of the property for the Falcone property at 1334 Park Ave. The proposed ordinance changes regarding sheds, etc., were also discussed.
- B. Conservancy Board – No report.
- C. Park & Rec – Ruth reported that the annual Egg Hunt will be held March 31 at 10 a.m. There is no breakfast this year.
- D. Municipal Authority – No Report.
- E. Board of Supervisors – Kathryn reported that zoning ordinance changes were discussed. The Planning Commission needs to review them. The West Chester Senior Center requested a \$5000 donation, which was denied. Jim McRee gave a report on the Deer Management Committee. They reviewed 7 options – of which -- 3 are viable. They are reviewing options to educate the residents. The YMCA cut down 16 more trees than allowed and will come back to the Board of Supervisors with a plan to make up for the trees that were inadvertently cut down. The Penn National Bank at Paoli Pike & Airport Road was approved.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ben made a motion to adjourn. Connie seconded the motion. No public comment. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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