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3 **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
4 **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
5 **MEETING MINUTES**  
6 **JUNE 12, 2008**  
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8 The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled  
9 meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the East Goshen Township building.  
10 In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Vice Chairman Connie Bain, and  
11 members Sue Ciorletti, Linda Gordon, Dolores Higgins, Ellen Carmody and Ben  
12 Rohrbeck. Also in attendance were Ed Lendrat (Historical Commission Research  
13 Volunteer), Gary Althouse (Building Inspector), Ruth Scadding (Park & Rec) and  
14 Megann Hedgecock (Planning Commission).  
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16 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

17 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.  
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19 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

20 The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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22 **3. MINUTES**

23 The minutes from the April 10, 2008 meeting were tabled until the July 10 meeting.  
24 Corrections were made to the May 8, 2008 meeting minutes. There were no other  
25 comments or additions. Linda made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Ben  
26 seconded the motion, all were in favor and Ellen abstained because of her absence  
27 from the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
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29 **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

30 **A. ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

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- 32 • The East Goshen Township Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday,  
33 September 13 from 9am to 1pm. The rain date for the yard sale is Sunday,  
34 September 14.
  - 35 • The Dedication of the Veteran's Pavilion in the East Goshen Park will be held  
36 in conjunction with the Pumpkin Festival Saturday October 18 with a rain date  
37 of Sunday October 19.
  - 38 • The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund will host "An Afternoon with the  
39 Generals" on September 21. The Paoli Board has decided to sponsor a fund  
40 raising event to commemorate the Battle of Paoli. It will run for the public  
41 between 2:30 pm and 5:00 pm. They have hired 2 historians to portray  
42 Generals Howe and Washington. Bob Mouelan will provide music. Robert  
43 Gleason and Dean Milesse are the historians. They will have a question and  
44 answer session at the end of the presentation. It will be held at the General  
45 Warren Inn. There will be brochures to hand out and people can purchase  
46 tickets through the Borough of Malvern or the General Warren Inn. Tickets  
will cost \$50 per person.

1           • There were no other additions to the calendar of events.

2       **B. OTHER**

3           • There were no other announcements.

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5       **5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

6           • Kathryn circulated the National Trust Tour magazine.

7           • Kathryn pointed out an article that appeared in the Chester County Living  
8           section of the Sunday, June 8 edition of the Daily Local. The article covered  
9           Historical Markers and what people have gone through to get markers.  
10          Markers will be discussed in more detail at the later date.

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12       **6. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

13       **A. WILLIS TRACT SUBDIVISION – UPDATE**

14          Kathryn asked Gary if their “clock was out next Tuesday.” Gary’s answer was  
15          yes. They have not yet signed an agreement and if they do not have any kind of  
16          agreement, they are off the list for the sub-division/land development.

17       **B. CLOCK TOWER FARM – LESLIE LYNCH & ROBIN COOK**

18          At the Zoning Hearing Board meeting on May 21, 2008, the variances were  
19          granted to Leslie Lynch and Rebecca Cook for a bed and breakfast in the Clock  
20          Tower Farm. Leslie and Robin came to talk to the Commission about their plans  
21          to convert the building into a 5-room B&B. Rebecca will be the Inn Keeper for  
22          Clock Tower. Leslie brought plans of the farm for the Commission to get an idea  
23          of the renovations. They will not do anything to the first floor of the building.  
24          On the second floor, they want to add 2 bathrooms and rearrange one of the other  
25          bathrooms. The third floor will be living quarters for Rebecca and her family.  
26          They propose to knock down 3 walls on the third floor to create a better living  
27          space for Rebecca’s family. Leslie proposed adding a deck to the exterior of the  
28          house.

29          Dolores asked about taking before and after pictures of the house. Kathryn led a  
30          discussion about when would be a good time for every one to tour the farm. The  
31          Commission came to a decision that they would go at 6:30pm on Thursday, June  
32          26.

33          Kathryn will give Leslie a copy of the chain of title. Linda will make copies of  
34          the files the commission has on the house.

35          There were no other questions or comments.

36       **C. OTHER**

37          There were no other sub-division/land development projects that the Commission  
38          needs to be aware of.

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40       **7. LIAISON REPORTS**

41       **A.** The Municipal Authority meeting scheduled for June 9 was canceled.

42       **B.** Sue gave highlights from the Park & Rec Board meeting. They discussed the  
43       dedication of the pavilion. The Bow Tree Civic Association has a 5K run planned  
44       and they wanted permission to make it a 10K through the park. The summer  
45       programs are up and running and are successful so far. They also placed  
46       permanent plaques by the benches, which sparked a discussion about adding

1           plaques around the township. The pros and cons were discussed, including cost  
2           and vandalism. Ruth had nothing to add to Sue's report except that the rain date  
3           for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks will be Sunday, July 6.

4           **C.** Dolores reported on the Conservancy Board meeting. Gary Hurtell, a retired  
5           professor from West Chester University, was brought in to consult with the Board  
6           on reforestation of the area near Paoli Pike and Line Road. Also, Comcast wants  
7           to add 9 satellite dishes (4 meters each) at their building on Boot Road, which  
8           would be painted so that they are less noticeable but could not be screened  
9           entirely. The Conservancy Board had also planted 98 trees at the Reservoir Road  
10          Stream Restoration site and attempted to go out and tag all of them; however they  
11          could only find 45 of the trees that were planted.

- 12           • Scott Sanders discovered 25 hand-hewn beams at the Romansville  
13           Meeting that he offered to the commission for free. Some of the concerns  
14           of the commission were where to store the beams, how big they are, how  
15           many there are and how soon they need to be moved. The decision was  
16           made that they would have to be stored inside, and Dolores would contact  
17           Scott to get the rest of the information.

18          **D.** Linda had a few additional items to report from the Board of Supervisors  
19          meetings. She informed the Commission that the BOS passed the mail resolution  
20          and other small resolutions but had not decided on the grant application. Kathryn  
21          added information about the YMCA sign. Comcast is trying to find ways to cut  
22          down on the noise produced by the 5 generators. One idea was putting up a 20ft  
23          wall around the generators.

- 24           • Kathryn informed the Commission that some members of the Dixon  
25           family in Thorncroft approached the Board about a possible conservation  
26           easement and the consolidation of some property along Line Road and E.  
27           Boot Road. The Board is not going to take any action on it at this time.
- 28           • The BOS also talked about the newsletter. They are going to change to a  
29           glossy paper format that is only 16 pages long probably in January. They  
30           are going to limit each ABC to 1 page each. Kathryn addressed the issue  
31           that the Commission had planned on needing to use more space than just  
32           one page. The Commission will utilize the website in order to keep people  
33           informed.
  - 34           ○ The West Chester Historical Society can only find the maps that go  
35           along with the "Land 'O' Goshen" books. Kathryn will continue  
36           to work with the Historical Society to try to find the books and she  
37           will also contact the publisher.
- 38           • Kathryn mentioned that the Planning Commission did not take offense to  
39           the letter they sent about the historical preservation issue.

40          **E.** Kathryn asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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## 42 **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### 43 **A. PROJECT/TASK REPORTS**

44          Linda interviewed Mae Schmitt for Oral History but has not transcribed it yet.  
45          She has also been working on Images of America book. She received the DVD of  
46          East Goshen Photos from the CCHC which cost \$600. Kathryn asked if she was

1 going to re-interview Mae. Linda said she did not need it, but she is going to try  
2 to get together with Sarah Credeur or to get some more information.

3 **B. PROPERTY RESEARCH**

4 Ed Lendrat presented information on 1030 Hershey Mill that he found when  
5 researching 1020 Hershey Mill, which included date of construction. He has also  
6 found the date of construction for 1467 Greenhill Road and 1050 Hershey Mill.  
7 He was also able to correct the chain of ownership for 1468 Morstein Road.

- 8 • Ed asked if the Commission would like an old wall black board from the  
9 old Goshenville Elementary School.
- 10 • He passed around copies of the Black Rock Bicentennial Picture Book and  
11 Walking through History: Black Rock.
- 12 • He also suggested a driving tour of East Goshen book.

13 **C. EVALUATION OF LIVING HISTORY DAY**

14 Kathryn thanked everyone for their hard work Saturday. The Commission  
15 discussed the attendance, which was lower than usual. The turnout was only  
16 about 150 – 175 people due to the temperatures in the high nineties. Kathryn  
17 asked what they should eliminate, add or keep for next time. Ben proposed  
18 eliminating the fence demonstration. Kathryn proposed soap making. Dolores  
19 suggested putting the food outside on a picnic table instead of in the Plank House.  
20 She also wanted to keep the dancing and invite Noah Lewis again. Ellen  
21 suggested musket drills for children. Linda suggested moving the date up to mid-  
22 May.

23 Ellen talked about educating the ABC's on Living History Day. She suggested  
24 holding an open house to demonstrate it just for ABC members and East Goshen  
25 Township staff. A VIP hour was proposed for the members and staff to come  
26 either an hour before it was open or after it was closed to the public. Dolores also  
27 suggested that they put together the feedback that the commission has received  
28 about the Living History Days to give to the ABC's.

29 **D. HISTORICAL SECTION OF TOWNSHIP WEBSITE**

30 Terry Bonenberger continues to put information on the website. Dolores, Ben,  
31 Sue and Kathryn met with Terry to go over some ideas for the layout of the  
32 website. They were pretty pleased with doing a wagon wheel type of layout with  
33 all the different links around the wheel.

34 **E. TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS – HELPING MALVERN 7/24**

35 Kathryn reminded everyone that they had made a commitment to help Malvern  
36 with their Town Tours & Village Walks on July 24. Lynn Hockenberry from the  
37 Malvern Historic Society came to talk to everyone about helping out. The walk  
38 will be about 1 mile. She handed out maps of the area and drafts of the tour.  
39 There will be 8 stops. They need help walking people to each stop and they also  
40 need people to talk at each stop. The theme is “Women of Malvern”. When  
41 Dolores asked how the commission could help, Lynn told her that they need  
42 walkers and talkers. Ellen will not be able to help and Linda is a maybe.  
43 Everyone else is willing to help. They will need to report at 5:30pm and the tours  
44 will start at 6pm.

45 **F. UPDATES**

- 46 i. Matlack Florist

1 Linda said she had a feeling that their time to tour the house has passed.

2 Kathryn said that she would check with Bernie.

3 ii. Children's Colonial Garb

4 Dolores said that they are in the process of figuring out materials and outfits.

5 She has patterns and needs to figure out costs. Ellen has found things at

6 Sam's sales in the past. Linda suggested using the newsletters and website to  
7 ask for old linens.

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9 iii. Dry Stone Wall Near Plank House

10 Ben is in favor of the original spot to the right of the entrance of the

11 Blacksmith Shop. Linda is opposed because of the possibility of messing up

12 the drainage ditch that is there. Ellen asked how much wall there was going to

13 be. Ben said he had to check how much stone they have. Kathryn said it

14 would be used at a demonstration/teaching tool. Ellen pointed out that it did

15 not have to be permanent. The original site for the wall just south of the

16 footpath was agreed upon.

17 iv. CCHPN Annual Volunteer Recognition 6/25

18 Kathryn sent out an email and took a census on who can go to the ceremony.

19 **G. "SOMEDAY LIST" ADDITIONS**

20 Kathryn will email those who she has not heard from.

21 **H. DEDICATION OF NEW PAVILION – Deferred until July meeting.**

22 **I. GOSHEN FAIR BOOTH – Deferred until July meeting.**

23 **J. EDUCATION CENTER CONCEPT AT BLACKSMITH SHOP & PLANK  
24 HOUSE – Deferred until July meeting.**

25 **K. OTHER – None**

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27 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

28 **A. REVIEW OF EXPENSES**

29 Kathryn read information about invoices. Connie made a motion to approve  
30 which Ellen seconded and all were in favor.

31 • Expenses to Consider

- 32 ○ 1 lost sign from Greenhill Road and Boot Road. The commission  
33 still has 30 signs but Kathryn suggested buying 10 or 15 more. 15  
34 more would cost \$242 and new date patches would cost \$170. Ben  
35 moved to approve the purchase and Sue seconded the motion. All  
36 were in favor.

- 37 ○ Ben has enough donations to buy more coal.

38 **B. SEPTEMBER 20 LIVING HISTORY DAY – Deferred until July meeting.**

39 **C. NEW PROJECT**

40 Frank and Kathy Hoffman volunteered to work with other historic resource  
41 owners on ways to maintain their resources. Other people volunteered to help  
42 with weeding at the Plank house and to assist with research.

43 **D. OTHER**

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45 **10. CORRESPONDENCE – None.**

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1 **11. PUBLIC COMMENT** -- None.

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3 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

4 Dolores made a motion to adjourn. Ellen seconded the motion. There was no public  
5 comment. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

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8 Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
9 Stephanie Witt, Recording Secretary