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5 **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**
6 **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
7 **MEETING MINUTES**
8 **AUGUST 14, 2008**
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11 The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on
12 Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were:
13 Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Vice Chairman Connie Bain, and members Ellen Carmody, Sue Ciorletti,
14 Linda Gordon, Dolores Higgins, and Ben Rohrbeck. Also in attendance were Gary Althouse (Building
15 Inspector) and ABC Liaison Ruth Scadding (Park & Recreation). ABC Liaison Joe McDonough
16 (Board of Supervisors) was an excused absence and Megann Hedgecock (Planning Commission)
17 joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
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19 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

20 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
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22 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

23 The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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25 **3. MINUTES**

26 Corrections were made to the July 10, 2008 meeting minutes. No public comment or further
27 discussion was heard. Linda moved to approve the corrected minutes of the July 10, 2008
28 meeting. Ben seconded the motion. The vote was in the majority with Connie abstaining as she
29 was not present at the July 10th meeting due to an excused absence.
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31 **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

32 **A. Activities Calendar**

- 33 • Kathryn stated that the rain date for the dedication of the Veterans' Pavilion at EG Park
34 scheduled for Sunday, October 19 has been canceled.
- 35 • Ben indicated that a Revolutionary War Re-enactment at the Brandywine Battlefield
36 should be added for Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7.
- 37 • Ellen questioned the dates shown for Chadds Ford Days (September 13 and 14).
38 Kathryn will double-check these dates for inclusion in the minutes. The correct dates
39 are September 6 & 7.
- 40 • Kathryn announced that Clean-up Day, in conjunction with the Planning Commission,
41 has been scheduled for the morning of October 11.
- 42 • In response to a question from Kathryn, Ellen stated that she would like to have Norm
43 Glass at the "Illumination at Paoli Battlefield" on October 11.
- 44 • Ellen indicated that the Township's competition on September 20 ("Living History Day
45 and Battle of the Clouds Anniversary) has its emphasis on Red Coats, i.e., "The Red
46 Coats Are Coming". She suggested that "Living History Day" have a talk about
47 something "British". She indicated that Valley Forge is willing to work with the
48 Township on the timing of events. Ellen will e-mail information about the Valley Forge
49 event to everyone. Kathryn will place the schedule on the Township website.

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4 **B. Other**

- There were no other announcements.

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7 **5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

- Kathryn thanked everyone who participated in the Malvern Town Tour. Marty Shane sent his congratulations to the HC for their work in EG and also sharing of their expertise with other municipalities. Lynn Hockenberry and Karen Marshall have expressed their thanks. Kathryn thanked Megann Hedgecock and Monica Close for their assistance.
- The Chairman announced that Pennsylvania Municipal Authority Association (PMAA) is awarding Fran Beck and Jack Yahraes 30 year plaques recognizing their service to the Municipal Authority. The Board of Supervisors will also recognize them on September 16.

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

19 **A. Willis Tract Subdivision - Update**

20 As this property is off the list for subdivision/land development, it will no longer appear on
21 future agendas.

22 **B. Clock Tower Farm - Update**

23 Kathryn indicated that there is nothing new to report. Their conditional use application has
24 been heard, and the next step is submission of their land development plan. .

25 **C. Other**

26 Gary referenced the subdivision application received for the Bower property at 935
27 Cornwallis Drive and indicated that nothing historic is impacted by this proposed subdivision.
28 He submitted an outline of the plan. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the property
29 and the fact that it has only one entrance and exit. Linda indicated that under Township
30 zoning, 25 or more houses are required on a property before more than one entrance and exit
31 is required.

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33 **7. LIAISON REPORTS**

34 **A. Updates on Activities/Reports not yet E-mailed.**

35 Dolores was unable to attend the Conservancy Board meeting. Kathryn asked that she contact
36 a member of their Board to get an update on the meeting and e-mail key points to members of
37 the Commission.

38 **B. Q&A**

39 There was no further discussion on liaison reports.
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41 **8. OLD BUSINESS**

42 **A. Living History Day**

43 Kathryn referenced an updated activity sheet. Ben will contact John Gras “John the
44 Carpenter”. Noah Lewis “Ned Hector”, Lynn King “Dulcimer Player”, Jim and Maurine
45 Falcone “Quill Pen Writing” and Alison Lee “Tape Loom” cannot participate. Kathryn
46 indicated that Maurine Falcone will drop off the quill pen writing equipment and asked if
47 anyone had suggestions for anyone willing to fill in on this activity. Ellen indicated that
48 Allison Lee and Susan Mahoney cannot participate. She is waiting to hear from Becky “Lace
49 Ladies”. Ellen will handle “Colonial Dancing” if George Tolton cannot participate. Kathryn

1 will contact Frank Wilson “Blacksmith”. Kathryn indicated that Bob Huebner “Children’s
2 Colonial Games” was unavailable and she will recruit someone to lead the games. Kathryn
3 will contact Linda Polishuk re “Garden”, and she is waiting to hear from Eva Abbot “Goshen
4 Friends Tours” and Sarah Credeur re “Goshen Grange”. Ellen is waiting to hear from Becky
5 MacDonald and Nikki Nelson re “Lace Ladies”. Kathryn spoke with Bonnie Radford re
6 “Museum Room Demo”. If she is not away she will participate; if not, she will send her
7 materials along so that they can be displayed. Kathryn has contacted Roberta deLeo
8 “Museum Room Demo” and is awaiting a reply. Ellen will contact Tim Seaschultz re
9 “Musket Drills” Someone has to be recruited for “Children’s Clothes-Photography”.
10 Discussion ensued regarding who would be best suited to take photos of the children in
11 colonial garb. Sue suggested getting input from local photography clubs and she will check
12 with the photo club at Hershey’s Mill. Kathryn indicated that Nancy Daversa will do a
13 scheduled quilting session (preferably early in the morning) as well as theorem painting.
14 Kathryn is waiting to hear from Charlie Lang re “Re-Enactors”. Kathryn asked if Dolores
15 could call Jane Fava to ascertain if, in addition to staffing “Wetlands Boardwalk” they would
16 be willing to do a scheduled one half hour talk about the boardwalk. Re children’s clothes,
17 Ben indicated that his daughter Liz would be willing to help with their construction and
18 Dolores will get necessary material to Ben. Linda indicated that there was cloth stored at the
19 Plank House which might be appropriate to use. Ellen said that she would give her cap
20 patterns to Dolores. Discussion ensued regarding the use of a few caps for all the children.
21 Mop caps were discussed in the context of individual caps which could be purchased by the
22 child’s parents. Ellen and Dolores will decide how to proceed. In response to a question from
23 Kathryn, Linda indicated that she will not be present at the September HC meeting. Kathryn
24 suggested that she and Linda get together to discuss plans for food service before she leaves
25 on September 8th. Dolores will determine the best place to set up the photo station.
26 Discussion ensued regarding the photo activity including camera type, identification of photos
27 as they are taken, and print-on-site or e-mail photo to customer.

28 **B. Images of America Book**

29 Kathryn praised Linda’s work on the project. She will e-mail a list of photos and editing of
30 what Linda has done. A photo of the Blacksmith Shop will be on the cover. Linda indicated
31 that everything proposed for the book must be sorted by chapter. She gave background on the
32 publisher’s parameters and said that the printer must receive the material no later than
33 October 14. Discussion ensued.

34 **C. Dedication of New Pavilion in the Park**

35 The dedication is scheduled for October 18 at 12:15 p.m. Kathryn suggested that Posting of
36 Colors and Laying of the Wreath should be added to the program. She has asked Bernie
37 Ebersol to donate the wreath and is waiting for a reply. Another change to the program was
38 the addition of Bob Casey under Brief Comments which will be limited to two to three
39 minutes. The Veterans’ Memorial Pavilion plaque will be placed under the Pavilion’s eave.
40 A memorial plaque will be placed at a later date. Kathryn indicated that Ann Marie Fletcher-
41 Moore (Park & Rec), Marty Shane (BOS) and Gary Green (YMCA) will make remarks at the
42 dedication. Kathryn referenced the list of wars in which American Colonists or US citizens
43 officially participated, indicating that the Parade of Veterans listed in the program would
44 include two or three sentences on the bigger wars with the exception of the American
45 Revolution. She and Ellen felt that something specific about the Battle of the Clouds should
46 be included. Re-enactors will represent the different groups. A 21-gun Salute is on the
47 program; however the Township has an Ordinance stating that fire arms cannot be discharged
48 in Township parks. Discussion ensued regarding using the Police Department for this
49 activity. Linda noted that the Ordinance prohibited the use of bullets, and paper and black

1 powder could be substituted for use in the weapons. The idea was put forward that the Re-
2 Enactors might possible the 21-gun salute using seven participants shooting three volleys.
3 Linda felt that invitations should be sent to WWII veterans who can be identified and located.
4 Kathryn indicated that the newsletter and news releases will have information on the
5 dedication and will include invitations to veterans, active military personnel and their
6 families. Discussion ensued regarding various contacts that might be of help in this regard.
7 Linda suggested that Bellingham and Wellington be contacted. Senya Isayeff was discussed
8 as a possible MC for the event, but at this time it is unclear if he would be available. Jack
9 Yahraes has indicated his willingness to MC. Discussion ensued regarding approaching
10 Ernest Borgnine, and it was determined that Norma at the WAWA would be the appropriate
11 person to talk to him. Connie will approach Norma to see if she would be willing speak to Mr
12 Borgnine in this regard. Senja Isayeff offered to see who would be around from First City
13 Troop. Ellen has not had an opportunity to speak to anyone from Ft. Mifflin. Kathryn will be
14 contacting Valley Forge Military Academy regarding Chaplin services. Discussion ensued
15 regarding time of event and type of food available to volunteers. Bob Gleen will be asked to
16 play "Taps". Bob Kephart, a member of the Police Department, may be asked to start the
17 Dedication with the playing of bagpipes which would draw attention to the ceremony about to
18 begin. Frank is taking care of publicity for the event. The Committee agreed that it was a
19 good idea to find out names of veterans attending in order to prepare certificates in their
20 names. This item will be discussed at the next meeting of the committee responsible for the
21 event.

22 **D. Other Projects / Task Report**

23 Ben indicated that the first section of the fence is completed. Jack Yahraes delivered three
24 needed fence posts and additional rails are on site. The cost was covered by donation. Ben
25 indicated that his son, Steve, had donated a collection of machinist hammerheads for the
26 Blacksmith House and the Township is buying material for the handles. Kathryn said that it
27 appeared that some of the stones from the wall appeared to be disturbed, and she asked if Ben
28 knew anything about this. He will call Mark. Kathryn asked if Ben wanted to do anything
29 with the beginning of the stone wall at the Blacksmith House this fall. He replied that it
30 should wait until June.

31 **E. Property Research**

32 As Ed Lendrat was not in attendance, there was no report.

33 **F. Historical Section on Township Web Site**

34 Terry Bonenberger is having some problems with the web site format and needs answers on
35 the format from the person setting up the web side. Kathryn will continue to send her
36 information. .

37 **G. "Someday List" Additions**

38 There were no additions to this list.

39 **H. Education Center Concept at Blacksmith Shop & Plank House**

40 Kathryn handed out information on a workshop "First Things First: A Primer for New and
41 Developing Museums" sponsored by PMAC on October 6th to be held at the Chester County
42 Historical Society. The workshop is geared to new or emerging collecting organizations,
43 heritage centers or historical societies. She plans to attend and indicated that the Township
44 would pay the workshop fee for attendees. If anyone is interested in attending, phone or send
45 an e-mail to Kathryn and she will send in the reservation.

46 **I. Working with Owners of Historic Resources**

47 Kathryn will contact Kathy and Frank Hoffman and will meet with them before the
48 September meeting.

49 **J. Other Old Business**

1 Ellen indicated that “Illumination at Paoli Battlefield” will go forward on October 11th. There
2 will be no rain date. Tours begin at 7:00 p.m. and go through 9:00 p.m. The set-up will be
3 similar to that of last year with the exception that battery powered candles will be used. She
4 asked if anyone would like to participate as a guide. Discussion ensued.
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6 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

7 **A. Review Expenses/Approve Invoices/Discuss Budget as Needed**

8 Ben submitted his check request for handles for the blacksmith hammers in the amount of
9 \$24.41. Linda made a motion to approve this request. Ellen seconded and the vote was
10 unanimous. There were no other comments.

11 **B. Other New Business**

- 12 • Kathryn will put together a prospective budget for next year and will share with the
13 Commission.
- 14 • It was discovered that the Township did not have a current membership in the Historical
15 Society. Linda made a motion to join the Historical Society at the Benefactor level in the
16 amount of \$500.00. Ellen seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- 17 • The Images of America Book was discussed at length. Linda indicated that the retail
18 price of the Images of America Book will be \$21.99. The Township can buy them at cost
19 but must agree to sell them at full retail. Discussion ensued regarding how many should
20 be ordered for Township. Linda will obtain the price breakdown. Kathryn asked if
21 additional books could be ordered, and Linda states that the publisher prints enough
22 books for a 12 month cycle. The book will be available April/May 2009. Discussion
23 ensued regarding advertising of the book. The marketing plan prepared for the printed
24 calendars might prove useful as a marketing tool, and Kathryn will e-mail a copy to the
25 committee for discussion at the September meeting. Linda indicated that the Township
26 should have the number of copies needed for their use by the October deadline. Kathryn
27 asked Linda to find out where the book will be sold in the County, and she indicated that
28 they would be distributed to national book chains in the area.
- 29 • Ben said that Jim Webb has offered to do artwork to make a foldable cardboard replica of
30 the Blacksmith Shop to be given to children. If this idea is to go forward, it was the
31 Commission’s opinion that the model should be done in black and white so that it could
32 be colored by the children. Discussion ensued regarding this idea. Price of the die and
33 card stock was discussed. The Committee asked Ben to tell Jim Webb that they liked the
34 idea but can’t go forward with it at this time. Ben will ask if Jim would he be willing to
35 do a mock-up on a flat sheet of paper, big enough to include directions, and able to be cut
36 with children’s scissors.
- 37 • Kathryn referenced an idea that Maurine and Jim Falcone had for 2009 Living History
38 Day. This children’s activity would require safety scissors, and she asked Ruth to see if
39 Park and Rec has them in their inventory
- 40 • Connie asked about the State Ethics Form, and Linda encouraged her to fill out the form
41 as it is a legal requirement.
- 42 • In response to a question from Megann, Kathryn brought her up to date on plans for
43 Clean-up Day scheduled for the morning of October 11th.
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45 **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

46 Everyone received the property owner letter regarding the Bower property at 953 Cornwallis
47 Drive and the memo from Rick Smith regarding Township shirts and jackets.
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49 **11. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

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12 ADJOURNMENT

Ben made a motion to adjourn. Ellen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Mary Lou Knight, Recording Secretary