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5 **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**
6 **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
7 **MEETING MINUTES**
8 **SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**
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11 The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on
12 Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 7:10 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 Dolores Higgins, and Ben Rohrbeck. Also in attendance were Gary Althouse (Building Inspector),
15 Megann Hedgecock (Planning Commission), Ed Lendrat (Historical Commission Research Volunteer),
16 and ABC Liaisons Ruth Scadding (Park & Recreation) and Joe McDonough (Board of Supervisors),
17 and Joseph Mulcahy, owner of Goodwin Acres located at 600 Reservoir Road. Member Linda
18 Gordon was an excused absence.

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20 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

21 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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23 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

24 The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed
25 for those lost in the tragedy of September 11th.

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27 **3. MINUTES**

28 Corrections were made to the August 14, 2008 meeting minutes. No public comment or further
29 discussion was heard. Dolores moved to approve the corrected minutes of the August 14, 2008
30 meeting. Ben seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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32 **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

33 **A. Activities Calendar**

- 34 • Kathryn stated that there is no rain date for the Dedication of the Veterans' Pavilion
35 scheduled for October 18th at 12:15.
- 36 • It was noted that Massey House will hold an event on the same day as the Township's
37 Pumpkin Festival, October 18th.
- 38 • Ben indicated that in the afternoon of September 12th, relatives of Wieb Velde were
39 visiting from Holland and will tour the Blacksmith Shop. Wieb Velde was the last
40 working blacksmith to use the East Goshen Blacksmith Shop.

41 **B. Other**

- 42 • Everyone wished a happy birthday to Dolores.

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44 **5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 45 • Kathryn indicated that she attended the dedication ceremony of the District Court. She
46 gave an overview of the proceedings. Judge Ott identified several people who were in
47 the audience. In his remarks he included the fact that the new District Court proved to
48 be a good cooperative program among East Goshen Township, the District Court, and
49 the County. Gary Althouse was singled out for his excellent work.

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

3 **A. Clock Tower Farm - Update**

4 Kathryn indicated that there is nothing new to report.

5 **B. Goodwin Acres**

6 Joseph Mulcahy, owner of Goodwin House, outlined plans for its renovation. Details were
7 encapsulated in a letter to the EGT HC from Matthew Roberson, Restoration Carpenter. The
8 addition of eight new dormers was discussed at length and dormer concept sketches were
9 included in information give to the Commission. The new dormers are in keeping with
10 historical precedents for the addition of dormers. Joe McDonough indicated that this house,
11 circa 1736, is on the National Register Kathryn asked if photos of the house could be taken,
12 primarily of the outside, as changes were being made, and Mr. Mulcahy agreed to do so. He
13 indicated that a number of changes were made in the 1940's including faux historical features.
14 Kathryn asked if Mr. Mulcahy could share any information he might have on the house with
15 the Township, and he agreed to do so. Gary suggested sending a letter from the Historical
16 Commission to the future homeowner, and Kathryn will take care of this. .

17 **C. Other**

18 Public meetings have been scheduled on September 3rd and September 16th for the conditional
19 use application requested by John and Susan Bramley. The conditional use application
20 requested by Lucy Swierczek and scheduled for the same dates has been delayed.
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22 **7. LIAISON REPORTS**

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

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- 25 • Kathryn thanked everyone for their meeting attendance and timely reports. There were
26 no questions on reports received via e-mail.
 - 27 • Dolores reported that the Conservancy Board had questions concerning the fact that the
28 Historical Commission is a line item in their budget. Jane Fava will check into this.
29 The Township has a revised recycling policy, and Rick will post the details on the
30 Township web site. Jane Fava led a lengthy discussion at the Conservancy meeting
31 regarding the Y trees, particularly, the use of small versus mature trees. She will meet
32 with Rick and the Y to see if they will allow the conversion of 110 mature trees to
33 possibly as many as 600 saplings. Several members of the Conservancy Board did not
34 agree. Discussion ensued regarding the process involved with making a change of this
35 nature. Conservancy is working with Main Line Gardens and Potters to acquire a
36 donation of plants and maintenance of trees for other locations in the Township.
 - 37 • Kathryn indicated that anyone not receiving an informational packet for a meeting they
38 are scheduled to attend should call the Township office.
 - 39 • Kathryn attended the Board of Supervisors meeting and reported that the group
40 developing land adjacent to Bryn Mawr Rehab will be meeting with Rick Smith and
41 other Supervisors to talk about the installation of a traffic sign.
 - 42 • The Deer Management Committee will remain a Committee and not a full fledged ABC
43 at this time. The schedule of the various open space areas to be hunted will be posted
44 on Friday for the following week.
 - 45 • Kathryn indicated that the developer of King George Court, off of Cornwallis Drive,
46 had declared bankruptcy. The streets have yet to be paved, and the BOS is looking into
47 whether the Township can help in this regard.
 - 48 • The bids on Ridley Creek are in. The Municipal Authority will be meeting to go over
the recommendation from the engineers, and then they will be meeting with the BOS.

- Joe McDonough indicated that a hearing regarding the deer hunt litigation filed against the Township will be held on September 19th.
- Joe also mentioned that the sewer rate is scheduled to be increased for the coming year.

B. Q&A

There was no further discussion on liaison reports.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Living History Day

Kathryn updated the activities list. She indicated that Noah Lewis, “Ned Hector”, Lynn King, “Dulcimer Player”, Alison Lee, “Tape Loom” and Roberta deLeo “Museum Room Demo” will not participate. Everyone else is scheduled. Norm Glass, “Antique Tools”, will demonstrate in the morning but not in the afternoon. Jim & Maurine Falcone, “Quill Pen Writing” cannot participate but will drop off supplies. Ben will ask his daughter Liz McGuinness if she could help out with this activity. Ben will demonstrate “Fence Building” two times during the day, one-half hour each. Norm Glass will bring the “Plank House Slide Show” materials. Kathryn will ask Linda Polishuk if she can handle the “Revolutionary War Trunks” display.

B. Images of America Book

Kathryn circulated the mock-up of Linda’s work on the project. She indicated that she and Linda met with a group of residents who grew up in Goshen Heights and who meet for breakfast once a month. They had a great deal of information on the Township. One of the attendees donated an 1897 framed railroad map to the Township. The group returned to the Township building and Linda scanned in old photos in their possession. The meeting was video taped, and Ben will transfer to CDs. Kathryn indicated that the group was a wealth of information. She referenced the business plan done in 2004 for the Historical calendars and suggested it could be used in determining how many copies of the book should be ordered for sale by the Township. The minimum order is 400 books. The sale price is \$21.99. Each book sold by the Township will net \$11.00. Linda is donating her royalties to East Goshen. She will earn no royalties on other sales. Discussion ensued. Joe McDonough asked Kathryn to find out the book’s net cost, mark-up for the distributor, and cost to retailer. Connie felt that fewer books might be ordered if an additional Township book were to be published.

C. Dedication of New Pavilion in the Park

The dedication is scheduled for October 18 at 12:15 p.m. Kathryn referenced the updated program. The Sons of the American Revolution will be posting colors. Senya Isayeff will be the overall emcee. It appears that Ernest Borgnine will be unavailable; therefore, Jack Yahraes will take care of the Parade of Veterans. Matlack Florist has donated a wreath. The 21-gun salute has been approved. Kathryn updated what was known of the attendance of those invited to speak. Discussion ensued regarding decorations and furniture for the event. Sue indicated that Don Trauger was willing to post an invitation to the veterans at Hershey’s Mill, and Kathryn will make sure he has details of the event. Discussion ensued regarding advertising for the dedication.

D. Other Projects / Task Report

No other projects or reports were discussed.

E. Property Research

Ed Lendrat gave a report on 598 North Chester Road and handed out a chain of ownership on that property. He also distributed reports on 1515 Manley Road, 208 North Chester Road, 1607 Margo Lane 111 North Chester Road, 1615 Williams Way and 1662 East Boot Road. Regarding the Shirley Fox property, Ed suggested that Ms. Fox be contacted in order to acquire a copy of the report which was submitted to the National Register. Kathryn indicated

1 that she had additional information on the Clock Tower house and will give a copy of this to
2 Ed. Ed outlined properties remaining to be investigated. He will contact Mr. Atkins in regard
3 to his property at North Speakman Lane.

4 **F. “Someday List” Additions**

5 There were no additions to this list.

6 **G. Education Center Concept at Blacksmith Shop & Plank House**

7 This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

8 **H. Working with Owners of Historic Resources**

9 Kathryn will contact Kathy and Frank Hoffman in order to set up a time to meet with them.

10 **I. Other Old Business**

11 There was no other old business to be discussed.

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13 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

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

- 15 • Ben described wheelwright shop tools and their uses. He submitted a check request for
16 purchase of these tools in the amount of \$84.00. The interview with residents of Goshen
17 Heights was transferred to DVD format with the object of providing the DVDs to those
18 involved in the interview. Ben submitted an invoice for cases and DVDs in the amount
19 of \$28.93. Ellen made a motion to approve both requests. Sue seconded and the vote was
20 unanimous. There were no other comments.
- 21 • Kathryn reserved a Revolutionary War and Civil War trunk from the Chester County
22 Historical Society for use at the Township’s next three events at a cost of \$40.00. Ellen
23 made a motion to approve this expenditure. Ben seconded and the vote was unanimous.
24 There were no other comments.
- 25 • Kathryn discussed the need for a flash drive for use in transmitting the Images of
26 America Book photos to the publisher. As the cost of the drive had not yet been
27 determined, the Commission approved the purchase for the actual amount of the item. A
28 formal motion will be made at the October meeting.
- 29 • Kathryn presented two invoices from the Chester County Historical Society for additional
30 photographs ordered for the Images of America book, one in the amount of \$90.00 and
31 the other \$140.00. Dolores made a motion to approve payment of the above mentioned
32 invoices. Sue seconded and the vote was unanimous. Joe McDonough asked if these
33 outlays were covered in the budget, and Kathryn replied that they were. There were no
34 other comments.

35 **B. Other New Business**

- 36 • Kathryn is working to put together a prospective budget for next year. Dolores asked if a
37 line item should be added for maintenance and replacement of children’s clothing used
38 during school group demonstrations. Kathryn replied in the affirmative. Dolores also
39 asked if an amount should be budgeted for the construction of caps sold in these
40 demonstrations. Dolores summarized construction methods and cost of caps and outlined
41 the number and types of children’s clothing now available. Considerable discussion
42 ensued regarding how to price the caps. It was the consensus of the Commission that
43 \$5.00 was fair.
- 44 • Ben outlined a plan to put tools not being used on wall display. Discussion ensued.
45 Kathryn asked that he give the Commission a sketch of what he had in mind. Ben
46 updated the members on an addition he made to the wheelwright area of the shop.
- 47 • Kathryn suggested that hangers should be added to the Museum Room in order to
48 accommodate the children’s clothing. Dolores suggested that a storage trunk might be
49 more correct for the period. Discussion ensued.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

12 ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Mary Lou Knight, Recording Secretary