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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2008

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The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chair Kathryn Yahraes and members Connie Bain, Dolores Higgins, and Ben Rohrbeck. Excused absent were Linda Gordon, Ellen Carmody and Sue Ciorletti. Also in attendance were: Gary Althous (Township building Inspector), Ed Lendrat (Historical Commission Research Volunteer), and Joe McDonough, (Board of Supervisors Liaison).

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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The chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. MINUTES

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11/13/08 Minutes were approved as corrected.

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4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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A. Activity Calendar – Brandywine Battlefield Tour added on December 13. Some changes and additions were made to the 2009 Calendar of Events which will be revised by Kathryn Yahraes.

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5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Kathryn thanked Connie Bain for all her work on Historical Commission and township, and said she is pleased Connie will continue to volunteer as her time permits. Kathryn noted that Jim McRee's mother died and services were held today. Linda Polishuks' father died early last week. Both are on Deer Management Commission.

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6. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

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Malvern Institute – there was discussion on Planning Commission report about Malvern's rehabbing their buildings, with the hope they will stay within the framework of the Historical Commission. Since nothing has been firmed up, it remains to be seen what happens. A homeowner at 1523 B Richard Drive questioned Gary about their buyer putting an addition on to the home in conformance with historical standards.

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734 N. Chester Road (Tory Inne) is for sale. The Historical Commission should review Adaptive re-use if it is sold, and record its architectural features. A note will be sent to Linda that we will be sorry to see her go, as she has been a good steward of the property.

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2 Clocktower Bed and Breakfast will come back to the township after January 1, 2009
3 to finalize permits.
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5 **7. LIAISON REPORTS**

6 Ben reported on Parks and Recreation meeting. 2 possible dates for Veterans
7 Memorial Park Marker Dedication were mentioned - May 16 and 23rd. In subsequent
8 discussion it was decided to schedule it for May 16, since May 23rd runs into
9 Memorial Day weekend.

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11 Joe McDonough reported on Board of Supervisors – you can join East Goshen
12 Township (EGT) mailing list to be notified via email on 20 different subjects, listed
13 on the website. It was mentioned at the Tuesday meeting that the newsletter will
14 eventually become an online newsletter. It is much more inexpensive to maintain the
15 website as opposed to mailing costs.
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17 A thank you was given for the holiday party where the ABC's were recognized.
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19 Revenues are expected to fall 7-8% and expenses to rise between 4-5% over the next
20 year. There could be a \$1M deficit over the next year. \$300,000 has been allocated
21 for the Hershey's Mill dam and \$200,000 for the pathway.
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23 **8. OLD BUSINESS**

24 A. Hershey's Mill Dam – there will be less than a year to make plans for the dam.
25 The BS Workshop on January 10, 2009 will focus on plans for the dam. DEP wants a
26 plan. If the dam is kept, a wall must be increased another 200 feet. Trees must come
27 down, and the viewscape will be altered no matter what is done. If the dam is
28 breached, the spillway would not be allowed.
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30 B. Ed read some measurements from the survey of 1832 regarding the mill dam.
31 The original mill dam was gone long before the 1869 dam now in place, and was in a
32 different place from the current dam. Sediment will have to be removed from the
33 dam, regardless of what is done with it. PHMC sent a letter to the township regarding
34 historic properties effect on resources. Kathryn has a list of resources for federal and
35 state grants and grant research. Ben noted that the Battle of the Clouds was the site of
36 the first skirmish, with conforms to the Reas property (map and survey attached).
37 Ben has two maps that prove where the battle took place. Images of America – there
38 will be more on the book publishing at the January meeting.
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40 C. Veterans Memorial Pavilion – per above note in liaison reports, the ceremony will
41 take place on May 16, 2009 for the marker.
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43 D. The clipping file is ready.
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45 E. Property Research – Ed Lendrat presented pictures and information for research
46 on the following properties:

1 724 N. Chester Road, 628 Beaumont Circle, 514 Beaumont Circle and 636 N.
2 Speakman Lane.

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4 Kathryn said a good resource for research on properties is Franklin maps on website
5 “AndysAntiqueAtlases.com”.

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7 Ben reported on programs for Goshen Friends School on November 17. They toured
8 the Blacksmith Shop, Plank House and meeting house. He said the program is very
9 good for grades 3 through 5, and good feedback was received. The program should
10 be revised for pre-K to make it more understandable. He reports that students are
11 picking up on historical activities shown to them. He also suggested planning visits
12 to develop a curriculum – what a typical day was like in colonial life. Also burlap
13 bags are needed for the Conestoga wagons.

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15 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

16 A. Review of expenses and budget discussion was held.

17 B. 2009 budget Update – budget looks okay.

18 C. Discussion followed on finalizing goal setting for 2009. The 2009 goals were
19 discussed, ranked and approved unanimously, and are attached to the minutes.

20 D. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2009 – Kathryn Yahraes was
21 unanimously elected for another term as Chair. However, she indicated the
22 committee needs to develop leadership for future. Ellen Carmody was nominated and
23 elected unanimously as Vice Chair.

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25 Two replacements are need for the Historic Commission due to resignations. The
26 Board of Supervisors is interview for these positions.

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28 There was no correspondence or public comment.

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30 Dolores moved to adjourn the meeting, with Ed seconding the motion. The meeting was
31 adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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33 Respectfully submitted,

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36 Barbara Woodin
37 Recording Secretary
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