

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2009

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes and Vice Chairman Ellen Carmody, along with members Dolores Higgins, Ben Rohrbeck, Jason Young and Joe Zug. Excused absent was Sue Ciorletti. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Ed Lendrat (Historical Commission Research Volunteer), and Joe McDonough, (Board of Supervisors Liaison). Ruth Scadding, (Park and Recreation Liaison) joined the meeting following the completion of their meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Joe Zug was introduced as a new member of the Commission. He is an East Goshen native and wants to work closely with the Township. He is also a member of the Supplee family, long time residents of East Goshen Township. Jason Young, also a new member of the Commission, was introduced. In addition to being a History major, Jason is interested in learning more about the history and helping the Township. Kathryn said she is very pleased to have both new members on board.

4. MINUTES

12/11/08 Minutes were approved as corrected, with abstentions of Joe, Jason and Ellen who were not present at the last meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. 2009 ABC Planning Session – January 10, 2009 beginning at 7:45 am. with the Historic Commission presenting at 8:25 am. A workshop will follow from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm focusing on Hershey’s Mill Dam. Kathryn said the ABCs Planning Session gives members opportunities to meet and mingle with other boards and find out their goals and objectives for 2009.

B. The sole topic for Historic Commission Workshop will focus on Hershey’s Mill Dam project. DEP says the dam must be fixed or breeched in order to meet the new standards. The Historic Commission is charged to make suggestions to preserve viewscape within guidelines of DEP recommendations. The problem includes historical, environmental and fiscal aspects of addressing the dam

1 situation. Most people at the October 28 BOS meeting supported preserving the
2 dam and viewscape. Regardless of the outcome, the viewscape will be changed.

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4 C. Activity calendar –additions and changes
5 May 9 is Children’s Day at Brandywine Battlefield
6 September 20 is Paoli Battlefield Commemoration program.

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8 D. Other – Sue Ciorletti may have to take time from the Commission due to the
9 illness of her husband. She will stay in touch via phone and email.

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11 **6. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

12 Kathryn thanked Joe Zug and Jason Young for accepting appointments to the
13 Commission and welcomed them. Connie Bain will be missed but will volunteer her
14 time as she is able. Linda Gordon will be back in April and will continue as a
15 Historical Volunteer. Both have been good Commission members.

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17 **7. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

18 There are no concerns for the immediate future. Sullivan’s’ Grove is on hold.
19 Malvern Institute’s rehab of their buildings is still in the planning stages.
20 Clocktower Bed and Breakfast plans will be back on track after January 1, 2009.

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22 **8. LIAISON REPORTS**

- 23 A. Liaison assignments were confirmed:

24 BOS – Kathryn
25 PC – Jason
26 MA – Ellen
27 CB – Dolores & Joe
28 P & R – Ben & Sue

- 29 B. Liaisons from other ABCs are:

30 BOS – Joe McDonough
31 PC – Chuck Proctor
32 MA – none
33 CB – Sandy Snyder
34 P & R – Ruth Scadding

- 35 B. Updates on Activities – Joe Gill has been hired as the new Assistant Township
36 Manager. He will be responsible for IT, HR and general administrative
37 responsibilities.

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39 Planning Commission Meeting (January 7)– Kathryn reported on the two major areas
40 of discussion:

- 41 1. T-Mobile’s request to erect a pole of 67 feet on North Chester Road near the
42 Greystone Historic property. The Planning Commission asked them to move it, as
43 owners and other residents are concerned about sightlines of poles on protected
44 historic building property. The Historic Commission can recommend to the Planning
45 Commission that we don’t like it, but the final decision lies with the BOS after the PC
46 makes it’s recommendation. Kathryn will write a letter to the Planning Commission

1 saying we would like some questions answered about the placement and change of
2 location because of the proximity to a historic property.

3 2 PALCS (PA Leadership Charter School) – would like to lease the vacant IBM
4 building across the street from EGT building. They will need a variance for
5 conditional use. They expect to have a middle and high school students with a
6 maximum of 250 students which would be reached in a few years. They now have 75
7 students and have outgrown their present location. They will come back to the
8 Planning Commission next month with more information.

9 10 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

11 A. The Regional History Day Competition at Immaculata University is Saturday,
12 March 7, 2009. There will be 2-3 judges for each group that participates. Winners go
13 on to state and national competition. It is a very well done event and an interesting
14 opportunity to see what local schools bring to the affair. There are four areas from
15 which students can do a project bring and present it at the competition. The trained
16 judges hear the presentations and the winners is awarded prizes of locally authored
17 books, as well as the opportunity to go to state and, hopefully, the national finals.

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19 B. Images of America – publication and release of the book will be late April/early
20 May. Arcadia gave Kathryn a marketing questionnaire. We will give them the local
21 venues where we would be selling books so as not to interfere with their sales. Some
22 discussion time was spent on decisions about where HC would be selling books.
23 Primary author Linda Gordon has offered her share of the profits to be donated back
24 to the Historic Commission. Kathryn will talk to Arcadia and let them know where
25 they can sell copies of the book so there will not be an overlap where HC is selling it.

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27 C. Hershey's Mill Dam – discussion will take place on Saturday, January 10 after the
28 ABC Planning Session.

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30 D. Living History Day – June 6 – discussion tabled for the next meeting

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32 E. Veterans Memorial Pavilion – permanent marker – will take place May 16, 2009

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34 F. Other Project / Task Reports – no report

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36 G. Property Research – Ed Lendrat

37 Ed has finished Chain of Title on various properties including 1337, 1334, 1344
38 West Chester Pike and 1504 East Grand Oak Lane, as well as the Smith House
39 and others. The next project will be to research families and tie it to the historical
40 homes in the area.

41 H. Ruth Scadding gave a brief report on Parks and Recreation.

42 43 **10. NEW BUSINESS**

44 A. Review of expenses / Approve Invoices / discuss Budget as needed – no
45 discussion.

1 B. 2008 Goal Review – Kathryn went through the line items for 2008 and made
2 several changes. A copy of the updated goals and objectives is attached.

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4 C. Goals and Objectives for 2009. A brief discussion followed on the 2009 goals
5 with no changes or updates being made.

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7 D. Newsletter Schedule – 2009 – put off until February meeting. It was noted that
8 the newsletter ideally would be published before school starts in September to notify
9 residents of upcoming fall events such as Living History Day and other historical
10 programs before they occur.

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12 E. Other New Business - none.

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14 There was no correspondence or additional public comment.

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16 **11. Adjournment**

17 Ben moved to adjourn the meeting, with Ellen seconding the motion. The meeting
18 was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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20 Respectfully submitted,

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23 Barbara Woodin
24 Recording Secretary
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