

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2009

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Vice Chairman Ellen Carmody and members Dolores Higgins, Ben Rohrbeck, Sue Ciorletti and Joe Zug. Excused absence: Jason Young. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Ed Lendrat (Historical Commission Research Volunteer), and ABC Liaisons Mark Kawecki (Conservancy) and Ruth Scadding, (Park & Recreation).

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES

The March 12, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved as corrected with a motion from Ben Rohrbeck and a second from Dolores Higgins.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Park and Recreation has scheduled their yard sale for Saturday June 6 – the same day as the Living History Day. When the two events ran on the same day in the past, it took away from the participants for the Living History Day.
- B. National History Day Competition – Kathryn spoke with Carol Grigson who reported that 140 people attended the Reception held at the Chester County Historical Society on April 4. Students who submitted displays brought them for display at the reception. Several students from Fugett Middle School will be going on to State Competition.
- C. “Keep East Goshen Beautiful” – ABCs and volunteers will be out cleaning up roads, with HC members responsible for Paoli Pike to Manley Road on Rt. 352. ING will be working on plantings for Earth Day on April 21 at the Reservoir Road Site.

5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Kathryn announced that Barbara Woodin, our recording secretary, was ill and would not be at the meeting tonight. Ellen will take the notes and between her and Kathryn minutes for this meeting would be done. They may not be as comprehensive as those taken by Barbara, however.

Kathryn reported that Marge Wolfe would only be working for the Historical Commission on an as needed basis from now on instead of coming in every week or two.

6. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

Gary reported that David Ludin will be building a single family residence on this site. There will be no subdivision. Joe Willis does not own the land parcel anymore, he sold it last May. The National Bank of Malvern at Paoli Pike and Airport Road will go before the Planning Commission next month. There still are some issues to be resolved and concerns about ingress and egress on Airport Road. There is nothing new to report on the property located at 321 Dutton Mill Road. Malvern Institute has no new activity and the extension is good until June 30.

7. LIAISON REPORTS

BOS --Kathryn said most of the minutes are now up on the Township Web Site. The BOS is in negotiations with the Police Department for their new contract.

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2 Parks and Recreation – Ben’s liaison report was emailed to all. The Egg Hunt on April 4 was a huge
3 success and had the best attendance to date. There was no additional discussion
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5 Planning Commission - Jason had emailed his report to all. There were no questions or additional
6 comments.
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8 Municipal Authority – Ellen reported a project manager will be hired to help with the expansion of the
9 RCSTP project.
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11 Conservancy – Dolores reported that 220 YMCA trees will be planted near the intersection of Paoli
12 Pike and Line Road. Members will work with the YMCA on exact tree placement by staking out spots
13 the afternoon of April 18. Conservancy is waiting for quotes from Potters and McGinty’s for the trees
14 to be put along East Boot Road behind the Plank House along the path.
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17 **8. OLD BUSINESS**

18 A. Images of America Book update – Promotional postcards were distributed announcing the new
19 book. Kathryn will check with Joe Gill on the “PA Sales Tax” issue. Dolores suggested we just
20 include the Sales Tax right in the advertised selling price. Ben suggested we round the price to the
21 nearest dollar to make things easier for volunteers collecting money, making change and selling the
22 books. The premiere of the book will be held in conjunction with the opening of the Plank House.
23 Dolores suggested that we use the funds from the sales of the books to fund the Dam Project and
24 ask Linda Gordon if her royalties from the book can be used for the Dam Project. Sue said that she
25 would like to see the funds go towards the restoration of the wheelwright shop that is in the building
26 with the Blacksmith Shop. Kathryn said Linda had earmarked the royalties for purchasing items for
27 inside the Plank House. Dolores then suggested that the profits from selling the book be put into a
28 Historic Preservation fund to be used as needed in the future. Kathryn asked Gary if he would
29 supply a list of all the apartment complexes in East Goshen so that we could sell the book in their
30 Community Centers. The anticipated release date is anticipated in late April. Kathryn handed out a
31 list of polling places in East Goshen for selling the books. She will check with Voter Services about
32 volunteers selling the book on Primary Election Day May 19. When Linda gets back from Florida,
33 we will arrange the book signings.

34 B. Hershey’s Mill Dam – Kathryn will ask Dana Pizarro to come up with some bullet points to go
35 along with his PowerPoint presentation that is now on the Township web site.

36 C. Living History Day – Kathryn went over the list of “special” volunteers / demonstrators to invite to
37 the program. Dolores did research into the different picture printers on the market and asked if we
38 wanted to print the photos at the
39 time that they are taken Dolores said that the Epson Printer (Dolores had the specs on this printer)
40 is a portable printer and can be used with a battery pack or plugged into an electrical source. The
41 cost would be \$230.00. The ink is sold along with the photo paper and would cost between \$35 to
42 \$40 for 200 sheets of paper with the ink. Ben suggested that before we make a decision that we
43 should track how many people take pictures at the June Living History Day on June 6th. If there is
44 enough demand for photos to be taken, then we should consider buying the printer for the
45 September Living History Day. Kathryn said that the P & R was also thinking about doing photos
46 for their events and would be willing to go “*halsies*” with us. Additional discussion will take place
47 mid-summer.

48 D. First Person Scripts - Ben has completed the Pre-Revolution Scripts and the Revolutionary Scripts.
49 Both scripts are in Ellen's hands for review. After Ellen reviews them, she will forward to Jason for
50 his review and additional input.

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2 Save the Dam First Person Program - Ben said that he came up with enough material to do a
3 possible tour but he had problems with doing it at the Dam site because of the traffic and parking
4 problems. Dolores, who first suggested this program, said that we could consider shuttling people
5 from the dam site to the parking area near the old firehouse station. More discussion is needed.

- 6 E. Town Tours for 2009 - Kathryn reported that Avon Grove may need some help in doing their
7 August 20 Town Tour this year and asked the Commission members if they would be willing to
8 help out. All agreed to help if needed. Kathryn said we would use the Township wagon to go down
9 to Avon Grove together.

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11 East Goshen will do their Town Tour next year in 2010. Board decided and would like to do their
12 tour toward the end of July. Ellen suggested that we use the Revolutionary Tour to coincide with
13 the big Rev War Reenactment scheduled for September at Brandywine Creek State Park in
14 Delaware. All were in agreement.

- 15 F. Family Research – Ed Lendrat reported that he found a date for the construction of the mill. It was
16 constructed in either 1782 or 1783. Ed saw an advertisement by Thomas Rees looking for someone
17 to operate the mill. Kathryn reported that Fran Beck (Municipal Authority) had wanted to do
18 research on the mill and requested help from the Township in 2002. The HC Chairman at the time
19 said that the Township had nothing on it. Kathryn said the Mike and Jayne Coe moved into the mill
20 in the late 1960's or early 1970's. The mill was in bad condition then and needed a lot of repairs
21 which the Coe's did. The Coes then moved to Washington State and sold the mill to the
22 DeReimers. Kathryn got the Coes' phone number from an email that Fran Beck sent her and called
23 them with no success in reaching them. She called again recently and reached Jayne Coe. Her
24 husband Mike had died two years ago but Lynn said that she would delve through the information
25 she had to see if she could find what they had on the mill and would be willing to share it with the
26 HC.

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28 Ed reported that continuing to look in clippings at the Historical Society would be unproductive.
29 He will pick and choose other files for more information. Ed will start writing up the seven houses
30 along Hershey's Mill Road. He is also going to go back and do more research on the Chain of
31 Titles, in particular, the one on the Sullivan House. Ed has signed on to do the Census in Southern
32 Chester County and will be tied up for the next six weeks. Ed also reported that he went to one of
33 the dinners at the Cock'n'Bull Restaurant and said the dinner was good and he got to see the
34 characters of John Paul Jones and Molly Pitcher. Ed asked Kathryn is there was anyway of getting
35 the info on the historic homes from the Township to the owners of the homes. A mailing will be
36 done.

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38 G. Other Old Business -
39 CCHPN Fund Raising Workshop (March 14) - Kathryn attended and said that it was a great
40 workshop. The legislators that spoke at the beginning were very good and represented four sections
41 of Chester County. Materials and notes from the workshop were distributed.

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43 Lock, Stock and Barrel (March 27-29) - Ellen reported that this was a fabulous weekend with many
44 excellent speakers. She particularly liked the presentation on John Graves Simcoe and the one on
45 Baron Van Steuben.

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48 **9. NEW BUSINESS.**
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1 Other New Business – Kathryn reported that the date for next year's National History Day is March
2 6, 2010. It will be held at Immaculata University once again. The Preservation Network's
3 workshop will be held the following Saturday, March 13, 2010
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5 The awards presentation at the Fuggett Middle School is scheduled for either June 17 or June 18th.
6 School Secretary will get back to Kathryn on this. We will award certificates to the students who
7 went on to State Competition for National History Day.
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9 Kathryn distributed copies of the original document that outlined the division of East and West
10 Goshen in 1817. Someone from the Department of State had requested it from Rick Smith and Rick
11 gave Kathryn a copy.
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13 Ben reported that the Township had installed a combination lock on the door between the meeting
14 room and the Blacksmith Shop. There is a five-digit number to get into the Forge side of the
15 Blacksmith Shop.
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18 **10 and 11.** There was no correspondence or additional public comment.
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20 **12. Adjournment**

21 A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.
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