

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **MINUTES**
  - A. May 14, 2009 Meeting
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - A. Activity Calendar – Additions and Changes
  - B. Other
5. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
6. **SUB-DIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**
7. **LIAISON REPORTS**
  - A. Updates on Activities / Reports not yet Emailed
  - B. Q & A
8. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Images of America Book –
    - i. Update
    - ii. Sales at Goshen Fair – Volunteer Schedule
    - iii. Other Contacts / Schedule of Volunteers
  - B. Hershey’s Mill Dam –
    - i. Update
    - ii. Meeting June 18
  - C. Living History Day – June 6 -- Evaluation
  - D. Other Project / Task Reports – Discussion as needed
  - E. Family Research for Historical Resources– Ed Lendrat
  - F. CCHPN Annual Volunteer Recognition – June 24
  - G. Other Old Business
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Review Expenses / Approve Invoices / Discuss Budget as Needed
  - B. Group Use of Blacksmith Shop Meeting Room – Policy Recommendations
  - C. Living History Day – September 19
  - D. Other New Business
10. **CORRESPONDENCE**
11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 14, 2009**

**DRAFT**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 14, 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 Jason Young. Excused absence: Joe Zug. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector) and Ruth Scadding (Park & Recreation liaison). Guest – Bill Scheffey, 1639 Christine Lane.

**1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. MINUTES**

The April 9, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Guest Bill Scheffey presented an early 1960s plot map of Christine Lane that he gave the Commission for their files. The map includes the area just off Strasburg Rd. and Rt. 352. Chair Kathryn Yahraes and Commission members thanked Mr. Scheffey for the map

**A. Activity Calendar** – Changes are marked in bold face – see attached calendar.

**B. Other**

National History Day - Awards presentation at the Fugett Middle School is scheduled for either June 18. The Commission will award certificates to the students who went on to State Competition for National History Day. There was an honorable mention for a student from Fugett Middle School for the National Competition..

Ben Rohrbeck reported the following groups to tour Plank House:

Camp Goshen – June 18, 25 and 29 from 1-2:30 pm

Educational Department from Colonial PA Plantation – June 18 from 10:30 – 1:00 pm

Dr. Rebecca Ward, a group of children and a few mothers – June 17 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

An architect who stopped by the Plank House might be a possible volunteer for the GIS project. Newtown Square Colonial Day is the same day as East Goshen Living History Day on June 6. The Continental Line event is now scheduled for September or October. Ellen will keep the Commission updated. The possibility of a Potluck Dinner for volunteers for Paoli Battlefield Illumination is tentatively scheduled for Saturday August 1, 2009. More details as they become available.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A group of residents met to plan for the Hershey's Mill Dam on 5/13/09. There were many good ideas noted at the meeting including ways to involve the community as well as possible fundraising activities. The group broke into small work groups to discuss: 1) DEP and Engineering issues; 2)

Community Organization, Publicity and an internal Web Site; External Publicity and Media Contacts (print and electronic); and 3) Funding, Township Budget, Fundraising Efforts and Formation of a 501 (c) 3.

## 6. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

Sullivan's Grove and Vincent Angelini requests will have additional information available later.

## 7. LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission - Jason reported that a new subdivision application was presented for 957 Cornwallis Rd. by Vincent Angelini, Sr. The plans are still in discussion. Richard Miller submitted a variance request for adding two apartments above his garage at 16 Reservoir Rd. for relief, which was not approved. National Bank of Malvern submitted a variance request for additional parking on the Airport Road side of the building. Request was not approved. The request for front parking on Paoli Pike was OK. Metro PCS, LLC submitted a Conditional use application for a stealth Telecommunications facility within the church steeple at the United Church of Christ (1201 North Chester Rd). Additional discussion dates are in June.

Park and Recreation - Sue reported on a presentation on "Team Lyme" which proposes to build stands in the park to make the public aware of Lyme disease. Their aim is to educate people about Lyme disease. Playground safety mulch was replaced and paper towel dispensers that had been stolen were replaced. The outlets in the new pavilion were vandalized. An enclosure in the park at the end of the trail was requested for people to rest after walking trail. The BOS told Eagle Scouts if they could raise funds they could build the enclosure. Some discussion followed about projects built by various volunteer groups or prospective Eagle Scouts and strongly suggested that on-going maintenance be part of the goal and overall plan.

Municipal Authority - Ellen reported that they tested the new tanks at the Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant but the tanks had small leaks. The weeping will be repaired.

Board of Supervisors - Kathryn said that several Executive Sessions were held for police contract renewals. The Boot Rd. Striping project is a joint project between East and West Goshen and is causing concern from Sts. Peter & Paul school and churches because they might lose a turning lane which, the members feel, could be a traffic hazard and cause safety issues.

On May 28 at 9:00 am, the supervisors will convene a long-range planning meeting to discuss the budget. Information is posted on the Township website. The Board asked that residents sign up for automatic notification of Township updates / activities which will take them to links for various ABCs.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Images of America Book update - Kathryn asked each board member to recruit a volunteer to sell books at the polls on May 19<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested selling the book for \$23.00 which would include tax. A motion was made and seconded to sell the Images of America for \$23.00 with profits coming back to the HC educational projects. It is thought many people may simply pay \$25 and donate the extra two dollars. Ruth Scadding will broadcast an email to the P & R Board that books are available and encourage donations for same.

B. Hershey's Mill Dam - As noted above, the meeting on 5/13 broke into small groups, brainstormed issues. Ben said that the engineering minimum could be \$100,000 for either breaching or saving the dam including the removal of silt. An economic impact study needs to be done. Reticulated blocks covered by foliage/grass with a larger grass slope up to the dam could be used.

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2 Conservancy applied for a grant from American Riverways to breach the dam work. However, it  
3 should be noted that most of the grant money available would probably go to high hazard dams and  
4 not may not apply to our dam. If the work is going to be done, we need the expertise of a company  
5 to save as well as breach the dam, reduce the economic impact if there is a loss of tax revenue  
6 adversely affecting same.  
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8 The group discussed ways to inform residents of the project including putting up signs for the dam,  
9 taking the PowerPoint presentation to homeowners associations, fund-raising including donations  
10 and pledging, and going door-to-door in neighborhoods explaining how it will affect residents. T-  
11 shirts, getting kids involved, businesses, charitable trusts, theme names, press and new releases  
12 were brought up to get the word out about the dam. HMD is National Register Eligible but having  
13 National Register Status does not "protect" a structure; it does require that additional efforts be  
14 made to protect a structure before any demolition is done.  
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16 The purpose of the 5/13/09 meeting was to get the citizen group moving in the same direction as the  
17 Historic Commission and the Township. The supervisors favor saving the dam, but cost is the main  
18 issue. Equalization is needed for breaching or saving the dam. It was decided that a project name is  
19 necessary; getting kids involved will be helpful. By the end of the year a decision will be made on  
20 breaching/saving the dam, so there is time for further action. Jason suggested the name "Breacher  
21 Creature" for a kind of mascot. With everyone working together on the project, it could be 4-5  
22 years to implement it.  
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24 The Stuards offered their yard for staging the "Battle of the Clouds" first person program in  
25 conjunction with saving the dam. Ben suggested we rename the Battle "Battle of East Goshen" to  
26 distinguish it from the East Whiteland site. Historic House tours of five or six homes could be  
27 used as a fund raiser, but it was noted that a house tour takes a lot of work and would necessitate  
28 advance ticket sales and shuttle buses to work well.  
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30 Ben asked that a synopsis of the meeting be handed out at Living History Day to make residents  
31 aware of project and recruit volunteers.  
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33 C Living History Day – An activity spreadsheet is attached. Discussion followed on activities and  
34 people who will help. Dolores reviewed a LHD poster she designed and group offered input.  
35 Posters will be put in various businesses, shops and public places to promote LHD. The Township  
36 will print 11 x 17 posters with a note at the bottom to refer to the Township web site for details. The  
37 Commission thanked Dolores for taking the initiative of putting the poster together.  
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39 D. Other projects/Task Reports

40 The Plank House Tour Schedule is attached.  
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42 E. Family Research – no report this month. Ed Lendrat will be at the June meeting.  
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44 F. Other Old Business - none  
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## 46 9. NEW BUSINESS.

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48 A. Group use of Blacksmith Shop Meeting Room – policy recommendations are needed. It is  
49 recommended that the Township provide a checklist with guidelines similar to Parks and Rec.  
50 Board. This will be put into Old Business at next meeting. Kathryn will ask Diane for a list of the

1 groups using the meeting rooms in the last 18 months to determine viability of checklist and to see  
2 if damage to rooms can be ascertained. Ben will continue to check the Blacksmith Shop after each  
3 group use.  
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- 5 B. Other New Business – Stamper Program for LHD or school groups touring historic sites was  
6 extensively discussed. More planning needs to be done before implementation.  
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8 Rick Smith sent a letter to residents informing them of the June 5, 2009 Supervisors meeting.  
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- 10 **10. Correspondence – in packet** Rick Smith sent out a 1000 foot letter to residents for the June 2 BOS  
11 meeting where the disposition of the trees on the breast of the dam will be decided.  
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- 13 **11. No public comment**  
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- 15 **12. Adjournment**

16 A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm.  
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22 Recording Secretary  
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# **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**AS OF 6-2-2009**

## **JANUARY 2009**

8 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
10 (SAT) EGT Annual Planning Session 7:45 am  
10 (SAT) Historical Commission Workshop 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
25 (SUN) HC / PH Volunteer Thank You Party – 4:30-7:00 pm  
POSTPONED

## **FEBRUARY 2009**

11 (WED) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 4/1]  
12 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
21 (SAT) Nat'l History Day – Judge's Orientation – 9:30 am

## **MARCH 2009**

7 (SAT) Nat'l History Day Competition Judging –  
8:00 am – 2:00 pm -- Immaculata University  
8 (SUN) Charter Day – any PHMC site – 12-5:00 pm – FREE  
12 (THURS) Conestoga Questors at PH & BSS – 10:00 am  
12 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
14 (SAT) CCHPN Conference 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

## **APRIL 2009**

4 (SAT) CCHS Reception for NHD 10:00 am - CCHS  
4 (SAT) Annual Egg Hunt 9:00 am– 12:00 noon  
5 (SUN) Annual Egg Hunt 9:00 am – 12:00 noon (rain date)  
9 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
18 (SAT) Keep EGT Beautiful Day 8:30 am – Noon  
19 (SUN) Plank House Vol Orientation – 1:00 pm  
24-25 (F,S) Historic Sugartown Days

## **MAY 2009**

2 (SAT) Plank House opens – Weekends 1– 4:00 pm  
9 (SAT) Children's Day – Brandywine Battlefield  
13 (WED) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 7/1]  
14 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
16 (SAT) Veterans Pavilion – Marker Dedication - Cancelled  
19 (TUES) Primary Election Day  
TBA Regional Historical Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm

## **JUNE 2009**

6 (SAT) Living History Day - Plank House 11 a.m.- 4 :00 pm  
6 (SAT) EGT Yard Sale 9-1  
7 (SUN) EGT Yard Sale (Rain Date – 9-1)  
11 (THURS) Kickoff for Village Walks and Town Tours  
11 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
17 (WED) Rebecca Ward Group at PH/BSS – 10-12  
17 (WED) Citizens to Save the Hershey's Mill Dam – 7:00 pm  
EG Township Building  
18 (THURS) Fugett Awards Assembly 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8:30 am  
18 (THURS) Colonial Plantation Educ. Staff at PH/BSS 10:30-1:00  
18, 25 & 29 (WED, WED, MON) Goshen Friends Camp at PH/BSS  
1:00 – 2:30  
24 (WED) CCHPN Meeting and Volunteer Recognition 5:00: pm  
(Oxford)

## **JULY 2009**

4 (FRI) Let Freedom Ring - Paoli Battlefield 1-2:30 pm  
9 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
28-31 (MON -FRI) Goshen Fair – evenings  
TBA - HC to Staff Booth at Goshen Fair

## **AUGUST 2009**

1 (SAT) Goshen Fair – evening  
12 (WED) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 10/1]  
13 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
20 (THURS) Assist with Boro of Avondale TT & VW  
TBA Regional Historical Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm

## **SEPTEMBER 2009**

5-6 (SAT/SUN) Chadds Ford Days  
10 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
12-13 (SAT/SUN) Rock Ford Plantation  
19 (SAT) Living History Day and Battle of the Clouds  
Anniversary 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
21 or 22 (MON or TUES)– Paoli Battlefield "Spirits of 1776"  
24 (THURS) Chester County Day Slide Presentation  
7:00 pm  
TBA (SAT) EGT Community Yard Sale 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
TBA (SUN) EGT Community Yard Sale 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
(Rain date)

## **OCTOBER 2009**

3 (SAT) Chester County Day  
8 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
10-11 (Sat, Sun) RedCoats are Coming – Jerusalem  
Mills Village, MD  
17 (SAT) Illumination at Paoli Battlefield – 7:00 pm  
31 (SUN) Plank House Closes for the season  
TBA (THURS) CCHPN Program – 7:30 pm  
17 (SAT) Pumpkin Festival – EGT Park 10:00 am – Noon  
18 (SUN) Pumpkin Festival – EGT Park 10:00 am – Noon (rain date)  
TBA Regional Historical Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
TBA (SAT) Fall Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Day  
TBA Regional Historical Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm

## **NOVEMBER 2009**

3 (TUES) Election Day  
11 (WED) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 1/1]  
12 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
TBA Regional Historical Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm

## **DECEMBER 2009**

4 (FRI) EGT Holiday Party 5:30 – 8:30 pm  
10 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
TBA (SAT) EGT Neighbor-To-Neighbor Day – 9:00 am

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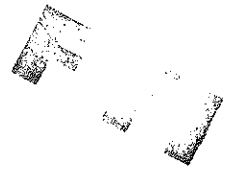
**PLANK HOUSE TOUR SCHEDULE -- 2009**

		TELEPHONE NUMBERS		WEEKDAY?
Saturday -- May 2	Sue Ciorletti	Helen Adair 610-918-7341		Weekday
Sunday -- May 3	Kathryn Yahraes	Connie Bain 610-696-2885	Banner	
Saturday -- May 9	Monica Close	Ellen Carmody 610-696-9168		
Sunday -- May 10	Linda Gordon & Judy Schafer	Sarah Cass 610-436-7409	Substitute	Weekday
Saturday -- May 16	Elly Dryballa	Sue Ciorletti 610-344-0245		Weekday
Sunday -- May 17	Dolores Higgins	Monica Close 610-436-9894		
Saturday -- May 23	Helen Adair	Elly Drybala 610-436-0501		
Sunday -- May 24	Cora Ellett	Cora Ellett 610-344-7201		Weekday
Saturday -- May 30	Ellen Carmody or Kathryn Yahraes	Linda Gordon 610-296-3975		
Sunday -- May 31	Linda Gordon	Dolores Higgins 610-692-3835		Weekday
		Mary Ann Keiser 610-696-2673		Weekday
Saturday -- June 6	<b>LIVING HISTORY DAY</b>	Jeanne Macturk 610-692-1703	Substitute	Weekday
Sunday -- June 7	X X X X X X X X X X X	Ben Rohrbeck 610-692-4107		Weekday
Saturday -- June 13	Sue Ciorletti	Judy Schafer 610-696-1996		
Sunday -- June 14	Dolores Higgins & Christine S.	Christine Suhadolnik 484-883-0610	Substitute	Weekday
Saturday -- June 20	Elly Dryballa	Kathryn Yahraes 610-692-2285		Weekday
Sunday -- June 21	Helen Adair			
Saturday -- June 27	Linda Gordon			
Sunday -- June 28	Cora Ellett			
		<b>JUNE 6 -- LIVING HISTORY DAY</b>		
Saturday -- July 4	X X X X X X X X X X X	Helen Adair 9:30 - 1:00		
Sunday -- July 5	Elly Dryballa	9:30 - 1:00		
Saturday -- July 11	Cora Ellett	9:30 - 1:00		
Sunday -- July 12	Sue Ciorletti			
Saturday -- July 18	Helen Adair			
Sunday -- July 19	Dolores Higgins & Judy Schafer			
Saturday -- July 25	Ellen Carmody			
Sunday -- July 26	Linda Gordon			
		Judy Schafer 12:30 - 4:00		
Saturday -- Aug 1	Elly Dryballa	Christine S. 12:30 - 4:00		
Sunday -- Aug 2	Linda Gordon	Elly Dryballa -- Maybe 12:30 - 4:00		
Saturday -- Aug 8	Sue Ciorletti			
Sunday -- Aug 9	Judy Schafer			
Saturday -- Aug 15	Ellen Carmody	Dolores Higgins all day		
Sunday -- Aug 16	Dolores Higgins	Ellen Carmody all day		
Saturday -- Aug 22	Helen Adair	Sue Ciorletti all day		
Sunday -- Aug 23	Cora Ellett	Kathryn Yahraes all day		
Saturday -- Aug 29		Linda Gordon all day		
Sunday -- Aug 30	Kathryn Yahraes	Ben Rohrbeck all day		
Saturday -- Sept 5	Elly Dryballa	<b>SEPT 19 -- LIVING HISTORY DAY</b>		
Sunday -- Sept 6	Sue Ciorletti	Helen Adair 10:30 - 1:30		
Saturday -- Sept 12		Elly Dryballa 10:30 - 1:30		
Sunday -- Sept 13	Dolores Higgins	10:30 - 1:30		
Saturday -- Sept 19	<b>LIVING HISTORY DAY</b>			
Sunday -- Sept 20	X X X X X X X X X X X			
Saturday -- Sept 26				
Sunday -- Sept 27	Linda Gordon			
		Judy Schafer 12:30 - 4:00		
Saturday -- Oct 3	Sue Ciorletti	12:30 - 4:00		
Sunday -- Oct 4	Judy Schafer	12:30 - 4:00		
Saturday -- Oct 10	Helen Adair			
Sunday -- Oct 11	Dolores Higgins			
Saturday -- Oct 17	Kathryn Yahraes	Sue Ciorletti all day		
Sunday -- Oct 18		Dolores Higgins all day		
Saturday -- Oct 24		Kathryn Yahraes all day		
Sunday -- Oct 25	Cora Ellett	Linda Gordon all day		
Saturday -- Oct 31		Ben Rohrbeck all day		
a/o 051508				



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**

CHESTER COUNTY  
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199



May 29, 2009

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the National Bank of Malvern has submitted a Conditional Use application requesting approval to develop their property located at 1305 Paoli Pike, West Chester PA, 19380. The applicant proposes to construct a bank branch and parking on the property. Parking proposed on the North side of this property will be leased to the YMCA.

The property is Zoned Business Park (BP); where a bank use is a permitted Conditional Use. A subsequent Land Development Application and Plan will follow this application, should the Conditional Use be approved for the property.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners and residents within 1000 feet of the properties seeking zoning relief; are notified of Zoning Variance applications.

**The meeting dates and times when this application will be discussed are outlined below.**

**June 3, 2009** - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)

**July 1, 2009** - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)

**July 21, 2009** - Board of Supervisors meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, formal meeting @ 8:00 pm)

All meetings are held at the Township Administration Building and are open to the public. The application and plans are available for review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or email me at [mgordon@eastgoshen.org](mailto:mgordon@eastgoshen.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Gordon  
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions  
Ross Unruh, Esq. Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor  
Rick Craig, P.E., Township Engineer, West Goshen Township