

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2009
Final Approved Minutes

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 11, 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, Joe Zug, and Jason Young. Also in attendance were: Ed Lendrat (Historical Commission Research Volunteer), Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Ruth Scadding (Park & Recreation Liaison), Joe McDonough (BOS Liaison), and Mark Kaweck (Conservancy Liaison).

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES

The May 14, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved as corrected. Ben motioned and Dolores seconded. No further discussion or comments were made.

4. Activity Calendar- Kathryn reviewed changes to the current calendar and made additions in bold face. A new updated calendar was included in packet.

- A. Kathryn made another addition to the calendar. August 1, 2009 is Paoli Battlefield Pot Luck Dinner. Ellen will verify the time at the next meeting.
- B. Ellen added that September 21 is the Paoli Battlefield's "Spirits of 1777" date.

Kathryn will make corrections to the calendar of events. It was also noted that the Paoli Illumination at Paoli Battlefield date was changed to accommodate Jerusalem Mills in Maryland. Paoli Illumination will now be held on October 17 and "The Red Coats are Coming" at Jerusalem Mills Village, MD will be held on October 10 and 11.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- No formal report this month. Additional comments will be made as agenda items are discussed.

6. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

Per Gary - nothing new this month.

7. LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Supervisors - Joe McDonough reported:

1. The Conservancy Board Meeting tree choices were made for the YMCA, East Boot Road, CTDI, and Comcast. TD Bank made a request for an environmental project. A Boy Scout troop requested and is taking suggestions for a project as well.
2. Tree Ordinances were discussed and Sandy Snyder will review for reference and referral.
3. YMCA growth and membership are ongoing concerns.
4. The Deer Committee will present its report on June 16 at the BOS meeting at the firehouse. The second budget meeting will be held on 6/25 at 9:00 a.m. noting that many cuts are needed and that possible ABC projects will be cut to assist.

5. Carmen Battavio received a call about grant money for the Hershey's Mill dam. Joe McDonough added that it is unclear if the grant is a state grant.
6. Police Negotiations could take one of two avenues: Private negotiations or arbitration prep scheduled for July 1.

Parks & Recreation – Ben's report was emailed out to all. Parks and Recreation will not hold a July meeting and they are taking suggestions for plants for the Applebrook Walk.

Planning Commission: Jason reported that two new applicants were mentioned. National Bank of Malvern will return to the July meeting with new ideas. Metro PCS submitted a Conditional Use Application for a Stealth Telecommunications facility within the United Church of Christ steeple at 1201 North Chester Road.

Additional BOS activity -- Kathryn reported that the Boot Road re-striping at Saints Peter and Paul is not going to be done at this time. Joe added that the BOS has tabled the issue for now. Kathryn also noted that the plan was to adjust to three lanes (2 lanes and 1 turning lane). Joe noted that light timing at the 202 Boot Road Exit and the addition of 600 employees at QVC would create traffic problems at Boot Road and Wilson Drive.

Municipal Authority. Ellen reported that the Ridley Creek Plant is coming along on schedule and Pennoni updates every two weeks on the budget and project progress.

General Township Information -- Kathryn reported on the upcoming June 16 Deer Committee presentation and encouraged all to go to the Township web site to view the report. In addition, she encouraged everyone to sign up for notifications and updates if they hadn't already done so. Kathryn also added that the web site had an alert from the police department about door-to-door soliciting. This was not a bonafide door-to-door campaign and residents should be aware.

Public Comment:

Joe McDonough noted that breaching of the Hershey Mill's dam *could* be fully funded by stimulus bill money at no cost by the Township. Kathryn added that she will meet with Rick Smith about this new information on the dam. So far, money to save or rehab the dam has not been found. No other comments were made.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Images of America Book sold 68 books totaling \$1,565.00. Dolores added that this number does not include sales at the township building. Kathryn will get the figures. Kathryn also noted that sales were made at the firehouse, BOS meeting, the yard sale, and Living History day. She commented that there is no doubt that the Commission will sell the initial set and need to order more for the fall. Sue added that Channel 20 at Hershey's Mill Village is ready to tape Kathryn and Linda Gordon (author). A book signing at Hershey's Mill will be held in the fall. Joe McDonough added that he saw the book on display at the Barnes and Noble in Exton.
- B. Goshen Fair runs from Monday July 27 to Saturday August 1 and the thought is to set up a table to sell the book between the hours of 6pm to 10pm. Kathryn then asked each member to pick an evening that fits their schedule to assist. Commission members are to recruit an additional 2-3 people to help them staff the table on the night they are assigned. The schedule is MONDAY – Kathryn; TUESDAY – Ellen; WEDNESDAY –

Jason; THURSDAY – Dolores; FRIDAY – Sue; and SATURDAY – Kathryn will ask Linda Gordon.

- C. Hershey's Mill Dam-one meeting has been held already and it went very well. A meeting is scheduled for June 17 and the plan is to start fundraising. Joe mentioned that if the dam is preserved the appearance will *not* be the same after completion. Dolores also added that the area will not have the same historic viewscape in the end. But while the dam may not be historically correct after re-construction, it still represents an important period in the history of the Township. There is history as to why the dam was there.
- D. Living History Day- Kathryn had all members stand and applaud themselves for a successful day. Approximately 250 people attended. It was noted that not many people visited the Grange. Kathryn felt that Grange should be used on a guided-tour route. Dolores thought that better signage was needed and gave some possibilities such as consistency in the tent area and a sign for what is going on in each tent. Signs at the encampment should be eye level, not too low. Ellen suggested that maybe a map would be better; signs take away from the ambience. Other re-enactments use maps not signs so as not to detract from the activity. A town crier with a bell was also a suggestion. Kathryn thought a possibility to include a map with a checklist of activities and she will come up with a dummy for the next meeting. Ben noted that the venue is small and more signs will look cluttered. Ben will also do his "Battle of the Clouds" talk. Discussion also took place for a way to modify the name of the event to, perhaps, include the use of the word "colonial". Additional discussion to take place at the July meeting.

Some ideas for the fall event were discussed including a spinner in a tent explaining spinning, "show and tell" with the period clothing. Dolores added that there was great interest in souvenir photographs and noted that maybe the commission should revisit the idea of the purchase of a printer. Dolores showed a sample of a souvenir photograph using cardstock and a printed out picture. Kathryn had an idea to remove the donation and sign up book from the meeting room and set up a table outside. Ellen will get a sample of a man's linen cap that can be copied to add to the clothing tent for the fall event. Kathryn added that Sachiko Mallach, Development Director from the Historical Society plans to attend in September and would like to volunteer with the HC.

Needs for the September event include two greeters in period clothing and that someone should be in each of the four rooms in the Plank House at all times. It was also suggested that the layout of the kitchen should be looked at and modified to allow for better traffic flow through the house. Dolores suggested that people enter through the door of the Parlor and after touring the house, exit through the kitchen door. Other points made were the hours of operation for the day and it was suggested that to move the hours to 12pm to 5pm, at least extend to 5pm. If that is decided, Kathryn suggested that a second set of volunteers to breakdown tents and clean up at the end of the event. Ben suggested that a light supper be supplied. Ellen added that the possibility of scrapping the volunteer thank you party and supply a meal (pizza) at the end of the event. This would allow volunteers to exchange ideas while the event was still fresh in their minds and enthusiasm was still high. Joe added that a meal at the end of the day for volunteers is a good idea. Kathryn noted that she will be sending a thank you via email with photos from the day attached, along with a link to the township website for more pictures. Dolores suggested asking the new youth volunteer for the September event. Cecilia, a 12 year old from Sts. Simon

and Jude is interested in volunteering. She attended and then came back to help at last September's Living History event and volunteered again this June. She would be in costume. Cecilia may even be interested in volunteering at the Plank House on weekends to help out the adult volunteers who are there.

- E. Family Research – Ed Lendrat distributed a handout about 1034 Hershey Mill Road to all members. Ed also handed out information about Sullivan House in Hershey's Mill. He is also looking into the construction date of Sullivan House.
- F. Other Old Business – Ellen, Ben and Jason presented the initial set of first person interpreter scripts and asked for suggestions from the group. They will be working toward three sets of scripts: Revolutionary Times, post-Revolutionary times, and Civil War period.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Approval of Invoices.
 - 1. Posters for Living History Day- \$81.00 for 100 11x17 posters. Sue motioned and Ellen seconded. Unanimously approved with no further comments.
 - 2. Food and Supplies for Living History Day- \$68.73. Sue motioned and Ellen seconded. Unanimously approved with no further comments.
- B. Other New Business - Kathryn will be sharing more responsibilities for the September 19 Living History Day Event.
- C. Suggested policies for use of Blacksmith Shop will be tabled this until the July meeting.
- D. Other New Business- Town Tours and Village Walks brochures were distributed. This FREE program kicked-off this evening and will run Thursday evenings during the summer. Information about the various venues can be obtained by going to the Township Web Site. June will be a busy month for visiting groups at the Plank House and blacksmith Shop. June 17 we will have Dr. Rebecca Ward along with a group of 18-20 children and adults. June 18 we will host the Colonial Plantation Education Staff. The Goshen Friends Summer camp will visit June 18, 25 and 29. Landscapes2 now has its interactive site up and running. The web site is -- landscapes2.org .

- 10. No additional public comment.
- 11. Note that a slide show of pictures from Living History Day was shown after adjournment.
- 12. **Adjournment** – A motion was made by Dolores and seconded by Ben. It was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jones
Recording Secretary