

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - A. July 9, 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 –
 - B. Hershey’s Mill Dam –
 - C. Living History Day – September 19
 - D. Other Project / Task Reports – Discussion as needed
 - E. Policy Recommendations -- Group Use of Blacksmith Shop Meeting Room
 - F. Family Research for Historical Resources– Ed Lendrat
 - G. Town Tours & Village Walks – Help Avondale on August 20
 - H. Hershey’s Mill Channel 20 TV Activities
 - I. Other Old Business
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Review Expenses / Approve Invoices / Discuss Budget as Needed
 - B. Theorem Painting Classes at Blacksmith Shop – October 17 and 18
 - C. Visit to Pennsylvania Colonial Plantation
 - D. CCHPN Fall Lecture – Historical Archaeology
 - E. Township Newsletter
 - F. Other New Business
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2009

D R A F T

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 7:00pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes and members Ben Rohrbeck, Sue Ciorletti, Joe Zug and Ed Lendrat. Dolores Higgins was present for the latter portion of the meeting. Vice-Chairman Ellen Carmody and member Jason Young were absent. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector) and Chuck Proctor (Planning Commission liaison).

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES

The June 11, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved as corrected. Ben motioned and Sue seconded. No further discussion or comments were made.

4. ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Kathryn noted that on September 21 the activity is the "Spirits of 1777." The Paoli Battlefield potluck dinner on August 1 will begin at 6:00pm. Everyone is asked to bring a chair and a food item to share. Ben announced that beginning on Monday, the PMHC will be closing 23 sites due to budget cuts.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kathryn announced the Historical Commission received a Certificate of Achievement from the CCHP Network at their volunteer recognition ceremony on June 24. The Certificate was given for the group's completion of the East Goshen Historic Resource Atlas. Kathryn, Ben and Sue attended the ceremony. Kathryn passed around the copy of the Atlas for members to look at.

6. SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT

Chuck Proctor gave a report from the July 1 Planning Commission meeting as follows. The UCC antenna was approved. T-Mobile has come back and now wants to put in a 65-ft pole near the New Kent Apartments. Vincent Angelini's neighbors are complaining about a large dead tree on his property and about yard waste clippings he has placed along the edge of his property. The Planning Commission voted 4:2 in favor of approving the Malvern Bank Conditional Use application. Chuck said he was one of the "nay" votes. He showed a copy of the plans for the bank and shared some of his concerns with the application, including the fact that the bank has presented no landscaping or lighting plan, and their lease with the YMCA is good for only 10 years.

1 Kathryn told Chuck that she has asked Gary Althouse to determine exactly where historic
2 Goshenville begins and ends, and to make sure the signs are correctly located. Gary said one
3 of the summer helpers will work on this project using GPS as soon as time allows. Kathryn
4 said she plans to mark on a plot plan the locations of historic homes in the Route 352 and
5 Paoli Pike area. Doing these things should be helpful to the Planning Commission, and
6 Chuck agreed.

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8 Kathryn asked Chuck about the John Mummert variance application for his home in
9 Milltown. Chuck said Mr. Mummert would like to remove his deck and put on an addition.
10 The footprint of the addition will be smaller than that of the deck.

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12 Kathryn noted that if Shirley Fox sells her second lot and someone wants to build on it, the
13 Historical Commission will need to have an HRIS done.

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15 Kathryn reported that Nick Perakis and his attorney have apparently been back to the
16 Township. They are trying to resurrect the building project for the corner of Paoli Pike and
17 Route 352.

18 19 **7. LIAISON REPORTS**

20 Dolores sent a report from the July 8 Conservancy Board meeting via email.

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22 Ben reported that the Park & Rec did not meet in July.

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24 Kathryn said the Municipal Authority will meet on July 13. One of the issues they will
25 discuss is a problem with the walls of the SBR tanks.

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27 Kathryn reported that the Deer Committee presented an updated plan to the Supervisors in
28 June. A copy is available on the Township website. The hours of hunting have been
29 modified slightly to be in line with Game Commission regulations.

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31 Kathryn reported that the Supervisors had a special meeting June 25 to discuss budget issues.
32 A second meeting will take place July 28. They are still in negotiations for the police
33 contract.

34 **8. OLD BUSINESS**

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36 **A. *Images of America* Book** – Kathryn reminded members to recruit volunteers to help
37 them sell books at the Goshen Fair. Kathryn will work on the logistics of transporting the
38 books from one member to another and will send something out via email. The schedule for
39 the fair is currently as follows:

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41 Mon - Kathryn

42 Tue - Ellen

43 Wed - Jason

44 Thurs -Dolores

45 Fri - Sue

46 Sat - Linda Gordon

1 In addition, Linda Gordon will have a book signing at Barnes & Noble in Exton on Saturday,
2 July 11.

3 The *Images of America* books are currently available at Sam's Club and Costco at a greatly
4 reduced rate. Since this is one of Arcadia's National Accounts, there is nothing that the
5 Historical Commission can do about the reduced price. All volunteers can, however,
6 encourage people to purchase the book through the Township since half of the money for the
7 book sales come back to the Historical Commission for educational program use.

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9 **B. Hershey's Mill Dam** – Kathryn reported that a volunteer grant writer from Oklahoma is
10 working on writing a grant for funds to save the dam thanks to the efforts of Supervisor
11 Thom Clapper.

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13 A group of residents working to SAVE THE DAM along with Kathryn and Ellen met with
14 state Senator Andy Dinniman and concerned residents on Tuesday, July 8. The meeting
15 included a tour of the dam. Senator Dinniman is hopeful he can get DEP to grant East
16 Goshen an exemption from complying with the dam requirements on the basis of the
17 historical nature of the dam and the ecological issues involved in a breach. During the
18 meeting, Senator Dinniman informed the group that Rick Smith has sent a letter to CFA
19 requesting grant money to save the dam. This news came as a surprise to all at the meeting.

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21 The Supervisors took public comment about the dam issue at their meeting on June 23.
22 Kathryn will forward a copy of the minutes to the rest of the Historical Commission when
23 they become available.

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25 The next of meeting of residents in regard to the dam will tentatively take place the week of
26 July 20. The group has a website which is www.savethedam.org. Kathryn showed some T-
27 shirts created by Jason which the group is considering printing and selling as a fundraising
28 tool. Jason had asked Kathryn to get the Historical Commission's input on the shirts. The
29 members agreed that selling the shirts is a good idea. However, Dolores and Sue think the
30 Historical Commission should not get involved in a shirt project; all the details should be left
31 to the residents' group.

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33 Kathryn reported that Bob Wise and Jane Dorchester are preparing proposals for submission
34 to get Hershey's Mill Village on the National Historic Register. This is being done at the
35 urging of Supervisor Don McConathy. Kathryn noted that she will need everyone's help
36 during the application process.

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38 Jayne Coe (a former resident of the dam house now occupied by Neil DeRiemer) is looking
39 for an album of historic information on the dam that she was given when she moved into the
40 dam house.

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42 Sue reported that a video segment of Kathryn speaking about the dam could possibly air on
43 Channel 20 (the Hershey's Mill TV station) in September.

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45 Ben suggested the historical sign markers be put up near the dam as soon as possible.
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1 **C. Living History Day** – The members updated the Living History Day Activity sheet for
2 September 19. Sharon Rose is the spinning wheel contact.

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4 **D. Other Project/Task Reports** – None.

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6 **E. Policy Recommendations – Group Use of Blacksmith Shop Meeting Room** – The
7 members reviewed a list of policy suggestions for group use of the Blacksmith Shop meeting
8 room as prepared by Kathryn. Everyone was in agreement with the list. Dolores suggested
9 that the room should be set up with as little furniture as possible on a day-to-day basis so that
10 groups can configure the layout the way they wish for each meeting. The others agreed that
11 was a good idea. Ben said the table with wheels can be left in place as it is cumbersome to
12 move. Dolores suggested the Township develop a set of generic rules for all meeting rooms
13 that would also apply to the Blacksmith Shop. Sue noted the Township shouldn't charge a
14 fee for the use of meeting rooms but might consider a charge for custodial services. Ben said
15 that mice have been a problem in the Blacksmith Shop due to groups bringing in food.
16 However, a ban on food would cause some groups (such as Scouts and Girl Scouts) to stop
17 using the room. Perhaps charging a deposit would be best. Dolores said the decision on all
18 these matters ultimately rests with the Township staff. Everyone agreed to leave the decision
19 on food and a possible custodial fee or deposit to the Township staff. The Historical
20 Commission will request that whatever rules are imposed be applied to all groups using the
21 rooms, without exceptions.

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23 **F. Family Research for Historical Resources** – Ed Lendrat shared copies of his research
24 on the Hershey's Mill historic area, including Sullivan House.

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26 **G. CCHPN Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony (June 24)** – Kathryn handed out
27 copies of the program from this program as well as a membership brochure from the
28 CCHPN. She noted that the organization is encouraging everyone to sign up for an
29 individual membership at \$20.

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31 **H. Other Old Business** – None.

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33 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

34 **A. Review Expenses** – Ben distributed a list of expenses and donations for 2009 thus far
35 related to the Blacksmith Shop as an FYI to the members.

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37 **B. Other New Business**

- 38 i. Kathryn passed around a sample of the geotech fabric being proposed by Neil DeRiemer
39 for use at the Hershey's Mill Dam.
40 ii. Ben reported that during the past month there were 24 visitors to the Blacksmith Shop
41 as part of Dr. Ward's group, 11 visitors from the Colonial Plantation, and three groups
42 from Goshen Friends School – one group of 18 children, another group of 12 children,
43 and another of 11 children, as well as adults. On Fathers' Day there were 19 visitors to
44 the Blacksmith Shop. Visitors from Dr. Ward's group and the Colonial Plantation
45 donated a combined total of \$90 in cash.

- 1 iii. Let Freedom Ring Celebration at Paoli Battlefield – Kathryn reported that she attended
2 this event on July 4 and saw a number of familiar faces there.
3 iv. New Schedule for Blacksmith Shop – Ben shared a new tour/ demonstration schedule
4 he has implemented to better accommodate visitors.
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6 **10. CORRESPONDENCE** – None.
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8 **11. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.
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10 **12. ADJOURNMENT** – A motion made by Dolores and seconded by Ben to adjourn at 9:30pm
11 was unanimously approved.
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15 Respectfully submitted,
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17 Anne Meddings
18 Recording Secretary

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AS OF 8-4-2009

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 (THUR) 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) Fugett Awards Assembly 8th Grade – 8:30 am
17 (WED) Dr. 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 (THUR) 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
1 (SAT) Paoli Battlefield Pot Luck Dinner – 6:00 pm
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 (MON)– Paoli Battlefield "Spirits of 1777"
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
17 & 18 (SAT & SUN) Theorem Painting Classes – 1 – 4:00 pm
31 (SUN) Plank House Closes for the season
TBA (THUR) 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

ACTIVITIES -- SEPTEMBER LIVING HISTORY DAY

19-Sep-09

Activities to be confirmed

| ACTIVITY | CONTACT | PHONE | EMAIL | NO | YES | CONFIRM | COMMENTS |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|----|-----|---------|---------------------------------|
| "John the Carpenter" | John Gras | | | x | | Kathryn | can't do either in 2009 |
| "Ned Hector" | Noah Lewis | | | | | Kathryn | |
| Antique Tools | Norm Glass | | | | | Kathryn | |
| Battle of the Clouds Talk | Ben Rohrbeck | | | x | | Ben | Schedule for 1 hour |
| Ben Franklin's ??? | Mike Kochan | | | x | | Ellen | |
| Betsy Ross 5-Pointed Stars | Jim & Maurine Falcone | | | x | | Kathryn | Need to get an adult to subs |
| Blacksmith | Bill Mansi | | | | | Ben | not needed for fall |
| Blacksmith | Bob Klinger | | | x | | Kathryn | |
| Blacksmith | Frank Wilson | | | | | Kathryn | not needed for fall |
| Camp Kitchen | Olga Leake | | | x | | Kathryn | |
| Candle Dipping | Mike McGuinness | | | x | | Ben | |
| CCHS | Sachi Mallach | | | x | | Kathryn | |
| Children's Clothes -- Photography | | | | | | | Do we want to purchase printer? |
| Children's Clothes -- try on | Rachel & Megan | | | x | | Ben | |
| Children's Colonial Games | | | | | | Kathryn | Talk to Tom Swift at Fugett |
| Colonial Dancing | George Tolton | | | x | | Kathryn | Schedule times |
| Conestoga Wagon | Ben Rohrbeck | | | x | | Ben | |
| Craft Demos | Dolores Little | | | | | Dolores | follow-up needed |
| Dulcimer Player + | Lynn King | | | | | Kathryn | |
| Fence Building | Ben Rohrbeck | | | x | | Ben | schedule early afternoon |
| Garden | | | | | | Kathryn | |
| Goshen Friends Tours | | | | | | | not this time |
| Goshen Grange | Sarah Credeur | | | | | | not this time |
| Lace Ladies | Becky Lederbaum | | | x | | Ellen | will have hands on activity |
| Lace Ladies | Betty MacDonald | | | x | | Ellen | |
| Lace Ladies | Nikki Nelson | | | x | | Ellen | |
| Museum Room Demo | Bonnie Radford | | | | | Kathryn | Sept is a Maybe |
| Museum Room Demo | Roberta DeLeo | | | | | Kathryn | Sept is a Maybe |
| Museum Room Demo | Susan Mahoney | | | | | Ellen | |
| Musket Drills | Chris Klemp | | | x | | Ellen | |
| Musket Drills | Tim Seaschultz | | | x | | Ellen | |
| Photography | Kim Keiser | | | | | Kathryn | |
| Plank House Slide Show | Norm Glass | | | | | Kathryn | |
| Plank House Tours | Volunteers | | | x | | Kathryn | |
| Quill Pen Writing | Jim & Maurine Falcone | | | x | | Kathryn | need to get an adult subs |
| Quilting and / or | Nancy Daversa | | | x | | Kathryn | June 2010 -- Theorem Painting |
| Re-Enactors | Charlie Lang | | | | | Kathryn | |
| Rev War Soldier & Musket Drills | Dennis Kane | | | | | Ellen | Availability of him or others? |
| Revolutionary War Trunks | CCHS | | | x | | Kathryn | |
| Set-up and as needed | Bob Huebner | | | x | | Kathryn | Set up and TBA |
| Soap Making | Mike McGuinness | | | x | | | not enough time for LHD |
| Spinning Wheel | Sharon Rose | | | x | | Dolores | |
| Tape Loom | Allison Lee | | | | | Ellen | check on Fall availability |
| Traffic | Jack Yhraes | | | x | | | |
| Wetlands Boardwalk | Conservancy Board | | | | | Dolores | Ask if they are interested |
| Wheelwright Shop Area | Ben Rohrbeck | | | x | | Ben | |

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

July 29, 2009

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that East Goshen Township has been notified that West Goshen Township has received a Conditional Use application for a 128 unit senior apartment building which is proposed to be developed on the parcel next to the Goshen Fire Station on Boot road and Greenhill Road.

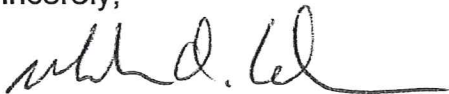
The West Goshen Township meetings for this application are:

Aug 17, 2009 (7 pm) - Planning Commission (Make a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors)

August 19, 2009 (4 pm) - Board of Supervisors (Conditional Use Hearing)

Pursuant to East Goshen Township policy, property owners and residents within 1000 feet of the subject property are informed of these applications. I have provided the public advertisement on the back of this letter for your information. For more information contact West Goshen Township 610-696-5266.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All East Goshen Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions
Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, West Goshen Township

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, immediately following the public meeting which commences at 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the West Goshen Township Municipal Building, 1025 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380, to consider the conditional use application filed by Traditions Development Corp. ("Applicant"), take testimony and, if appropriate, render a decision. Applicant seeks conditional use approval pursuant to Section 84-12.G(3) of the West Goshen Township Zoning Ordinance to construct a 128 unit senior apartment building or independent living facility on property situate at the northeast corner of Boot Road and Route 202, which property is more particularly identified as Chester County Tax Parcel No. 52-3-60, located in the R-3 Residential District.

The complete conditional use application and plans are available for public inspection and may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof at the Township's administrative offices, located at 1025 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380, during normal business hours, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and at the offices of the Township Solicitor, 118 West Market Street, Suite 300, West Chester, PA 19382, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If any person who wishes to attend the hearing has a disability and/or requires an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to observe or participate in the hearing, he or she should contact the Township Building at (610) 696-5266 to discuss how those needs may be accommodated.

Sandra K. Turley, Secretary
West Goshen Township

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