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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2009

FINAL

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 10, 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), and Joe McDonough (BOS Liaison).

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

Ben moved to accept the minutes as corrected and Ellen seconded. No further discussion or comments were made. Joe Zug abstained due to not being in attendance on August 12th. The minutes of August 12, 2009 were unanimously approved as corrected.

4. Activity Calendar- Kathryn reviewed changes to the current calendar and made additions in bold face.

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

6. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

Gary reported that potential buyers (please note that the potential buyers are present at this meeting) of 1422 Paoli Pike are looking for adapted use of the property.

7. LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission- Jason reported that many East Goshen and West Goshen residents attended to express mostly negative response to the possible construction of an independent living facility in West Goshen in the vicinity of the Route 202 entrance and Greehill Road. It is called Traditions. It was also mentioned that the widening of Boot Road will not be happening.

Board of Supervisors – Kathryn reported that the BOS meeting also spoke of Traditions. Many issues are of concern including how this will affect emergency services in this area and water runoff to neighboring areas. Joe McDonough noted that the West Goshen hearing has been delayed until October.

8. OTHER MATTER

Prospective buyers Dr. Tanya and Alex Zelensky, along with their attorney, Jennifer Levy-Tatum were in attendance to discuss with the HC the possibility of the Zelensky's purchasing the property at 1422 Paoli Pike to convert it to an office space for Dr. Zelensky's medical practice. The Zelensky's are interested in razing the barn, using the existing building as a reception area, and adding a one story addition to the right of the property towards the garage. The plot of land that the barn now stands on with potentially be used as parking for patients.

Kathryn also noted that the HC has no say in what the buyer does with the property, but appreciates that the potential buyers are interested in keeping the integrity of the 109 year old home. In reference to the

1 barn, Dolores asked if there is another of its kind in the Township and felt that the township would hate
2 to lose a one of a kind. In review of property records, there seems to be 3 to 4 other barns in the
3 Township of this kind.
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5 Kathryn advised the attorney and potential buyers that they will need to work with the Planning
6 Commission to proceed with renovations if they decide to purchase the property. Ms. Levy Tatum
7 noted that an engineer is creating sketches to present to the PC in the days to come. Kathryn also
8 thought it would be a good idea for the HC to tour the property with the listing agent and current owner.
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10 **8. OLD BUSINESS**

11 **A. Images of America Book**- it was noted that sales of the book are slow at this time.
12 145 books have been sold to date.
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14 **B. Hershey's Mill Dam**- an article appeared in the Daily Local on page 3. A core group
15 has been developed and it is thought that \$300,000 will need to be raised by the residents. The Core
16 Group is to meet on August 31st. Kathryn noted that all options are being reviewed at this time.
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18 **C. Living History Day**- A review of the activities roster was conducted. Dolores noted
19 that she has purchased a photo printer and showed a sample of a picture card that will be available
20 for a small donation. Ellen suggested that the HC should charge \$1.00 per portrait. Kathryn
21 reviewed the assignments for the day. Dolores also distributed packets of posters along with a list of
22 area stores to hang the posters.

23 **D. Family Research** – Ed Lendrat noted that current research is going slow and will
24 report at the next meeting.
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26 **E. Other Old Business** – The October 17 Illumination at Paoli Battlefield has a new
27 script. Kathryn distributed a handout about Eagle Scout projects and Girl Scout Merit Badges.
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29 **9. NEW BUSINESS.**

30 **A.** Education programs with schools will be discussed in October.

31 **B.** The Township website is to be revamped and reviewed.

32 **C.** August expense report was reviewed. Dolores suggested that the liaison reports be
33 moved to the end of the agenda and the expense report to the top. Line items for the budget were
34 reviewed in great detail.
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37 **10. ADJOURNMENT**– A motion was made by Dolores and seconded by Jason. It was unanimously
38 approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13pm.
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40 Respectfully submitted,
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43 Linda Jones
44 Recording Secretary