

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2009

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:00pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Vice Chairman Ellen Carmody, and members Ben Rohrbeck, Sue Ciorletti, and Dolores Higgins, Joe and Jason were not in attendance. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Al Zaccarella (PC member), and Vicki ?-(Parks and Recreation).

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:13pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES

Ben moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the September 10, 2009 as written. No further discussion or comments were made. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as corrected.

Please note that the minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote, Joe and Jason were not in attendance and Ellen was not present during the approval of the minutes.

4. ACTIVITY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathryn noted that there were no changes to the calendar at this time. A commission clean up day has been scheduled for November 7, 2009 at 9am.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kathryn updated the commission on the continued improvement of Mary Powell, who is recovering from knee replacement.

6. BUDGET

Kathryn spoke of having one to two Living History Days in 2010 and that line items for such events should be added to the budget for next year. Discussion moved to line items to be added to the budget.

7. SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT

Gary Althouse spoke of the plans for 1422 Paoli Pike, there are many zoning issues and struggles. Al added that this is a non-conforming structure, non-conforming lot and that a variance and conditional use will be needed. It was added that the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, as well as the HC all want the potential buyer to succeed in this matter. The Historical Commission then viewed the plans for the property.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Images of America Book -- To date, we have sold 165 books. Books will be sold at the Paoli Illumination Event

Hershey's Mill Dam - a request for dam reclassification has been hand delivered by Senator Dintaman to DEP. Resident's of Hershey's Mill are planning fundraising events at this time.

Education Center- discussions of signage and school programs were the main topic. Ben has observed that southbound traffic can't see the banner until they are right on it. The idea is to move and post another. Al

suggested that members/representatives from the HC should attend a Planning Commission meeting in the future for special exception for posting signs. This would benefit residents as well. Kathryn suggested that the commission come up with some ideas for the next meeting including wording for two bigger size signs and for rider signs and low to the ground informative signs about the structures and building.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Township Newsletter – Information was submitted. It was noted that full articles on notes and news will appear on the township website.

Museum Room in the Plank House -- Dolores said the Museum Room on the second floor in the Plank House should be redesigned. Kathryn suggested a static display. Dolores suggested a rotating clothing display. Dolores will work on this with help from Commission members and Plank House volunteers.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

12. ADJOURNMENT – A motion made by Dolores and seconded by Ben to adjourn at 10:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jones
Recording Secretary