

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2009

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 12, 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. Jason Young and Joe Zug were excused absences and not in attendance. Also attending were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Ed Landrant, and liaisons JoeMcDonough (BOS) and Ruth Scadding (Parks and Recreation).

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathryn noted that this would be Joe McDonough's last meeting since he is moving to South Carolina. The Commission expressed their good wishes for the move and told Joe how much they appreciated his help, support and guidance for the time he was the BOS liaison to the HC. Joe also said how much he enjoyed working with the Historical Commission and reminded everyone he was only "an email away".

3. MINUTES

Dolores moved and Ben 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.

4. ACTIVITY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathryn noted that there were no changes to the calendar at this time. The December 10th meeting was discussed and rescheduled to November 30 due to the East Goshen holiday party that had been scheduled for the December 10. A substitute date will be selected under New Business.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kathryn noted that Marty Shane had back surgery and is recovering nicely. It will, however, be a long recuperation time. Kathryn mentioned that she and Ben attended the Washington Memorial Chapel Event on October 4th and noted that it was an excellent show. The program from the evening was passed around to all in attendance.

It was noted that the Paoli Battlefield Board met on November 11 and discussion included their participation in the 2010 Town Tour and Village Walk program. It was decided that the Board would assist with East Goshen 2010 activities including the EGT Town Tour and Village Walk as well as the Living History Days. Ellen was in attendance and noted that the Paoli Board doesn't want to compete with East Goshen's TT & V W. Ellen added that an archaeology dig at the battlefield is in the planning stages. The Paoli Illumination that was canceled for October 17 will be rescheduled in either March or April 2010. The same scripts, etc., will be used.

6. SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT

Gary Althouse had nothing to report at this time.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Hershey's Mill Dam – Presentations by three 3 engineering firms were made to the BOS in order to help the Township in the selection of which one will do the project. The re-classification issue was not resolved at this time since DEP was sticking with its original finding. The good news is that the one of the engineering firms will conduct two hydraulic studies for the Township. These studies may provide

additional information to appeal to the DEP for re-classification. The report will be available in mid-February or early-March of 2010. It was decided to finish the necessary studies first and then invite the Secretary of the DEP to the Township to view the dam. Residents are moving forward with fundraising.

Education Center- Kathryn opened discussions for signage placement and informative plaques. It was decided that the new Blacksmith Shop sign should face the Route 352 side and include the date built-circa 1740 Wheelwright Shop by Aaron Ashbridge. It was decided to omit the date of 1750 for the Blacksmith Shop. The Historic Goshenville sign should read Blacksmith Shop/Wheel Wright Shop circa 1740.

Ben suggested that the signs should include as few words as possible and have large letters in contrasting colors. It was also decided that low information signs should be displayed at the Plank house. Two cutouts showing a wheel and anvil would work nicely as signs attached to the corners of the building. The sign for the Wetlands Walk is in bad shape and needs to be repaired. Its position should remain to the left of the entrance to the Boardwalk

Family Research- Ed passed handouts of his recent findings. Included in the findings are 8 houses along Line, North Chester, and King Roads. Ed has also begun research on 9 new locations. They include 3 on Greenhill Road, 2 on Youngs Lane, 2 on Morstein Road and 2 on North Chester Road.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Rather than meet December 10, the Historical Commission will meet November 30 instead. It was decided that only two items would be on the November 30 meeting agenda. They are the 2010 Goals and Objectives and the revision of Resolution 94-21: Duties and Responsibilities of the EGT Historical Commission.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

10. ADJOURNMENT – A motion made by Ellen and seconded by Ben to adjourn at 9:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jones
Recording Secretary