

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2010

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010 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 Joe Zug. Jason was not in attendance. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Ed Landrant, and Ruth Scaddings-Parks and Recreation). Also in attendance were Monica Crose, Judy Shaffer, and Chris Reardon.

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 at the last BOS meeting, Carmen Battavio asked all ABC's to have a moment of silence for our troops. Since none of the HC Members had objections to this practice, a moment of silence was observed.

3. MINUTES

Ben moved and Ellen seconded a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2009 as amended. No further discussion or comments were made. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as corrected.

Sue moved and Joe seconded a motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2009 as amended. No further discussion or comments were made. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as corrected. Ellen abstained due to her absence from this meeting.

4. ACTIVITY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathryn discussed and noted changes and additions to the calendar.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There is a member concern about the length of meetings, Meetings tend to go over two hours since there is so much to discuss and a lot of project planning takes place during the meeting, In the past, members had voiced opinions that they would rather attend one meeting as opposed to holding regularly scheduled additional workshops during the month. One of the ways to keel meetings shorter is keep focused on what is in front of the Commission for discussion and avoid "side-bar" discussion. Another way to shorten the time is to have 2-3 members work on preliminary planning between meetings and then at meetings present what they came up with and ask for additional member input. Kathryn then asked members for additional thoughts and ideas. Ben thought it best to keep items off the agenda that need little or no discussion. Joe felt it was important to keep meetings shorter and stick to the topics. Ellen added that important agenda items should be placed at the top of the agenda, prioritize them and table to the next meeting what was not as important.

6. SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT

Gary Althouse reported that the cell tower behind Wawa was turned down by the PC and it was recommended to the BOS to not approve at this time.

7. PRESENTATION BY THE 6TH PA REGIMENT

Bob Bendesky of the 6th PA Regiment was introduced. After making some adjustments to the PowerPoint equipment, he showed some of the activities the Regiment is involved in. Discussion followed about how

EGT could get involved with them. Further discussion will take place at future meetings. Kathryn will contact Doug Bender with questions the HC had about co-sponsoring an event/encampment.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Goals- the 2009 Goals Review was reviewed. Ben made a motion to approve the review as distributed. Sue seconded the motion. No further discussion or comments were made. The vote was unanimous to accept the 2009 Goal Review. The 2010 Goal Review as presented to the Township Planning Session January 9 was reviewed. Ben made a motion to approve. Sue seconded the motion. No further discussion or comments were made. The vote was unanimous to accept the 2010 Goals as written.

Town Tours and Village Walks-July 22 was confirmed by Karen Marshall at the county for the EGT date. EGT did request the \$150 that was being made available through a new partnership between the County parks and recreation Department and the Chester County Historical Society. This money will help defray the cost of expenses.

Family Research- Ed noted that he had two to three more visits to the Historic Society before his report would be completed.

Hershey's Mill Dam- the group is moving forward and is forming a non-profit group. Supervisors Don McConathy and Marty Shane will continue to meet periodically with the residents to provide them with updated information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Liaison Assignments- were discussed. All members will continue in their current roles. Liaisons to the other ABSs are these: Kathryn-BOS; Jason-Planning Commission; Ben and Sue-Parks and Recreation; Ellen-Municipal Authority; and Joe-Conservancy.

Selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman- Selection of a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were discussed. Sue nominated Kathryn to remain as chair and Ben and Ellen to share the positions of the Vice Chairman. Joe seconded the motion. No further comment was made and the vote passed unanimously.

Kathryn thanked everyone for their input, honesty, and discussion about leadership and added that the nice thing about the Commission is everyone gives 110%. All members need to remember to keep the fun in it.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jones
Recording Secretary