

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 24, 2010**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7:00pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Co-Vice Chairman Ellen Carmody and Ben Rohrbeck, and members Sue Ciorletti and Chris Reardon. Jason Young and Joe Zug were excused absences. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Ed Landrant, Ruth Scaddings-(Parks and Recreation) and Senya Isayeff (BOS Liaison).

**1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. She also led those present in a moment of silence for our troops serving both overseas and stateside and their families that support them. Kathryn then asked if anyone other than the recording secretary was recording the minutes.

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Ben moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2010 as written. No further discussion or comments were made. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as corrected. Ellen was not present at the time of the vote and Chris abstained.

**4. ACTIVITY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Changes and additions were made to the calendar and new activities were noted.

As the newly selected member of the Historical Commission, Chris Reardon introduced himself to the group. All in attendance introduced themselves to Chris. A former re-enactor, Chris is especially interested in American Military History as well as history from 1750-1900. Chris has participated in the EGT Living History Days and has been newly elected to the Board of the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Foundation.

Newly elected Supervisor Senya Isayeff was also introduced as the BOS Liaison who is replacing Joe McDonough.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Kathryn reminded everyone about the upcoming Chester County Historic Society's History Day scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> at Immaculata University. She distributed an info sheet in case members hadn't sent theirs in to the NHD Coordinator Carl Grigson. An orientation for judges will be held February 27 and there is still time to get information to Carol if you or someone you know would like to be a judge. There will be no "fair" this year but several people are giving talks including Ben who will talk about "The Life of a Teamster".

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

Goals & Objectives-Division of Labor- I order to become more effective and to keep meeting shorter, Kathryn asked everyone to take the goals and objectives, rank each one either High, Medium, or Low according to their level of interest and indicate their #1 and #2 choices. Kathryn, Ellen, and Ben will then review the sheets and divvy up assignments accordingly. Members will then be responsible for getting

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together between meeting to do the preliminary planning before presenting their findings and work to the group as a whole.

Major Activities (Living History Day, Town Tour and Village Walk and Chester County Days) -

Upcoming major activities were discussed. It was decided that only the June 5 *Living History Day* will take place. Ben, Sue, and Ellen agreed that June is the best option since the Commission will participate in Town Tours and Village Walks on July 22. In order to support the Philadelphia Campaign Celebration September 25-26, the manpower would not be available for a Fall LHD. Further plans for these two events will be discussed in the March meeting. Chris will also look for additional info on the Campaign Celebration and will try to secure someone from the organizing group to give a short presentation to the HC and also see what EGT can do to support it.

*Chester County Day* in 2011 will take place in our quadrant and planning for that will begin in the fall.

Fist Person scripts for Town Tours and Village Walks were distributed for all to look over. Ellen and Ben reported on the February 8 meeting that they and Kathryn had to do some planning and work out some of the details. Additional information will be shared at the March meeting. A map of the area was looked at and station locations were identified.

Family Research- Ed distributed two handouts with updated information on 1461 Greenhill Road (Maple Grove School) and 1467 Greenhill Road (the converted barn). Ed also mentioned that he has about 8 other properties that he has begun. These include: 1372 and 1374 Boot Road, 1504 and 1506 East Oak Lane, 900 Vista Drive, 900 Saddlebrook, 1705 and 1707 Paoli Pike. Ed is also working on the chain of title for 1645 (1661) E Strasburg Road (the Mullen property) and 1030 King Road. These last two properties are proving to be a little difficult since they are part of very large tracts of land and records are hard to interpret and indentify.

Other Old Business- Images of America Book Sales—Kathryn noted that book sales plus the royalties have surpassed the 50% mark. The line item is no longer in the red and all sales forward will be profit. It was also noted that the HC is welcome to sell the books at the East Goshen Fire Company breakfasts.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

Budget-The expenses were reviewed and since the budget was cut in half, allocations need to be re-distributed. Further discussion will take place at the March meeting, In the meantime Kathryn will take the budget as approved and will slot in potential spending amounts.

Expenses- Kathryn asked for approval of \$85.00 for the annual membership fee to the Chester County Historic Preservation Network, Ben moved and Chris seconded a motion to approve, No further discussion or comments were made. The vote was unanimous to approve the expense in addition to covering the \$25.00 fee for any who wish to attend. So far, Kathryn is the only one going. If anyone else wants to attend, they should let Kathryn know by March 8 so that a check can be cut.

Ex-Officio Members- The BOS suggested that the HC recruit ex-officio members to serve on the Commission. These volunteers would sit alongside the Commission members at the table and will have specific duties to fulfill. They will be part of the monthly meetings but will not have a vote. Sue and Ben agreed that this would be a good idea to have extra sets of hands to assist the HC. Ben added that this would be a good starting area for someone who wants to be a member of the HC in the future. Kathryn pointed out that this was something the HC as been discussing for some time and is glad that the BOS

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recognizes the need and the importance of “beyond the Commission” volunteers so that goals can be made and work can be done by more evenly “spreading the load”.

Signs- Ben will look into hanging signs for the Blacksmith Shop and Wheelwright Shop as previously discussed.

### **8-LIAISON REPORTS-**

Planning Commission- Senya mentioned that the Mullen property was discussed at the recent PC meeting and that the monopole behind the WAWA was opposed by the PC and BOS.

Parks and Recreation- Sue added that the P & R is talking about a “shared” trip to Cape Code with West Goshen. They also discussed the recent cutting of the shrubs close to the creek in Applebrook Park as well as the differentiation of active/passive park land.

Conservancy Board- Chris attended his first meeting of the CB last week. They focused on re-establishing board positions. Much time was spent on ordinances and he was able to give dates of upcoming Historical Commission events to the CB.

BOS- Kathryn attended the BOS meetings. Major topics have been the reworking of the pension plan for Township employees and metered billing for sewers. A letter to residents and commercial accounts about metered billing system will go out shortly. The BOS has also discussed establishment of a hoc committee made up of residents to look at the financial situation in the Township and make recommendations to save money, this committee would be patterned after a similar group in Tredyffrin Township. The Township will also be exploring the possibility of putting a communications monopole behind the PW building at the back of the Township property.

Municipal Authority- Will host a talk and tour of the RCSTP Addition on Monday March 15. All ABCs received invitations.

### **9. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Gary Althouse reported that the cell tower behind WAWA was turned down by the OC and it was recommended to the BOS to not approve at this time. Dates for upcoming hearings/meetings on all applications will be emailed to HC members.

### **10. COORESPONDENCE**

A thank you note to a tour of the Blacksmith Shop and Plank House was received from Boy Scout Troup 168 Den 4. The group also sent a small planter and a box of candy to the volunteers as a thank you.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** – A motion made by Ellen and seconded by Chris to adjourn at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jones  
Recording Secretary

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