

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**April 8, 2010**

**FINAL**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 7:00pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Co-Vice Chairman Ben Rohrbeck, and members, Joe Zug, Sue Ciorletti, Judy Schafer, Ed Lendrat, and Chris Reardon. Ellen Carmody was absent. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Senya Isayeff (BOS), and Ruth Scadding (Parks and Recreation). Maureen Lennon, a Hershey's Mill Village resident, was also present.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and Chris led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathryn asked for a moment of silence to honor our troops serving in the military and to remember their families. Kathryn asked if anyone other than the Recording Secretary was recording the meeting.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of March 11<sup>th</sup> were quickly reviewed and will be approved next month.

**4. ACTIVITY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Corrections and additions to the calendar were made.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Kathryn introduced Judy Schafer, one of the new non-voting members of the Historic Commission. Judy volunteers with the HC at the Plank House and will be a valuable asset to the Commission.

The role of non-voting members will be the same as regular Commission members except they can't cast an official vote. Kathryn added that Monica Close, another new non-voting member, could not attend tonight's meeting. Ed Lendrat's would now be a non-voting member as well.

Gary explained his "find" at a recent inspection of the 1409 West Chester Pike property. A Goshen Heights Honor Roll plaque was found in good condition in the rafters of the garage and Gary was able to convince the realtor to give the sign to the Township Historical Commission. It was noted that this sign appears on page 75 of Images of America and dates to c. 1946. It depicts an honor role representing Milltown and Goshen Heights residents.

Kathryn asked Joe Zug to see if he could find out if anyone on the list is still alive or if family members are still in the area.

Kathryn also announced that Jason Young has resigned from the Commission but will continue to participate as a volunteer for HC activities.

**6. SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing new was reported.

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## 7. OLD BUSINESS

Integration of Non-Voting Members- The three new non-voting members -- Judy, Monica, and Ed – will meet with Kathryn, Ellen, and Ben for an orientation.

Goals and Objectives- Division of Labor and Organization of Sub-Committees was discussed. Additions and corrections will be made on the spreadsheet and will be distributed at the next meeting.

Living History Day- Kathryn said that emails were sent to past volunteers. Two past helpers -- Olga Leake and Sharon Rose -- are unable to assist in June. Judy is looking for another spinner to take Sharon's place since she moved to Oregon. All other past volunteers are slated to return. HC members decided to leave activities from past Living History Days in the program. A decision was made to discontinue the September Living History Day for this year only because of the Philadelphia Campaign Celebration activities.

Town Tours and Village Walks- The date of July 22<sup>nd</sup> was confirmed and Kathryn, Ellen, and Ben will walk and time the tour and run through the script. Herr Food will donate snacks and Kathryn is waiting to hear from Swiss Farms about beverages. Senya will assist with opening ceremonies.

Other Projects/tasks/reports- Ben distributed the maze and scavenger hunt handout sheets for children that visit the Plank House and Blacksmith Shop. Members decided to print the Scavenger Hunt sheets back-to-back sheets of paper.

Family Research- Ed Lendrat reported that he was able to obtain a chain of ownership for the Mullen Property with is part of 1685 Strasburg Road parcel. The house in question was not found to be old.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

Expenses- No new expenses or budget discussions were needed.

Hershey's Mill Dam- residents met with Marty Shane and Don McConathy to discuss the dam breach analysis. Information will be pulled together to determine how a 25, 50, 75, or 100-year storm will affect the dam. The Township will continue to pursue efforts with the DEP to re-classify the dam from a C2 to a C3 Dam.

It was added that the April 13 BOS meeting will begin at 6:30 to accommodate Dam discussions.

### Other New Business

The residual farm structure in Applebrook Park was discussed. Sue passed around a picture she had taken of the well-head. Chris added that it did not appear to be that old.

Kathryn and Senya met to discuss the marketing of the Historical Commission and activities involving the Commission. Ideas of how to utilize and advertise the many activities the Historical Commission were discussed. Kathryn will share points from the meeting in the near future. Senya noted that it is important to get the message out that the contributions of volunteers is very important and it helps to spread the word of the fine things done in the Township.

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Senya referred to a March 16 letter from Tom Richards, Head of School for Goshen Friends. The School made a donation in Ben's name for his devotion to and passion for Goshenville history. After reading the letter aloud, Senya presented Ben with a certificate of appreciation for his hard work and efforts.

## **9-LIAISON REPORTS**

Planning Commission- Chris reported that the Riparian Buffer ordinance will be discussed at a future meeting.

Parks and Recreation- Ben reported that Frank's Winter Program was very successful. Mark Miller contacted PennDot regarding the crosswalks at the Park's South entrance and was given a list of options and will seek approval of the placement of portable crossing signs during park hours at the western entrance crosswalk. The Board discussed the idea that the ABCs get together for informal exchange of ideas, plans, and needs. CB, HC, and P&R tentatively agreed to meet on Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Conservancy Board- Joe reported that Board goals were discussed. Open space, pervious walks and parking were also topics. In addition, YMCA trees were discussed and a future site-visit is planned. The Riparian Zone Ordinance letter to the board was discussed and will be reviewed further.

**10 PUBLIC COMMENT** – Ms. Maureen Lennon who lives in Hershey's Mill Village came to the HC meeting to observe and offer feedback on marketing and PR ideas. She added that she was interested in discussing marketing ideas with Kathryn. Maureen gave some of her background to the committee noting that she was in the marketing and communications field for many years.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – A motion made by Ben and seconded by Sue to adjourn at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jones  
Recording Secretary