

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2010

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7:00pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Co-Vice Chairman Ben Rohrbeck, and members, Sue Ciorletti, Judy Schafer, and Chris Reardon. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector) and Ruth Scadding(Park and Recreation). Joe Zug and Ellen Carmody were excused absences.

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and Judy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kathryn asked if anyone other than the recording secretary was recording the meeting. Kathryn also led those present in a moment of silence for our troops overseas.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of May 13th will be reviewed and corrected next month.

4. ACTIVITY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Changes and additions to the calendar were discussed.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kathryn distributed the information on the Volunteer Recognition Dinner from the Chester County Historic Preservation Network. The event will be held on June 23 at Welconweir. Kathryn, Ben, Sue and Judy will attend. The \$25 reservation for each of the four members will be covered by the Township.

6. SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT-none.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Living History Day- The weather was hot – almost 94 degrees with rain threatening at time. Sue suggested possibly holding the event sooner due to the weather in early June. It was estimated that 150 people were in attendance throughout the day. Ben and Sue felt that there were less people. The attendance was adjusted downward to approximately 125. Four Images of America books were sold. People weren't prepared to purchase the book on LHD but several said they would buy a copy at a later date. The plan is to sell more during the Paoli Battlefield TT & V W, East Goshen's TT & V W, and the Philadelphia Campaign Commemoration.

Suggestions on changes and events to drop from the next Living History Day were discussed. Maybe the commission set their sights lower on attendance for the next time and not expect the usual 250 as in the past. Sue felt that September is a better time of the year to hold the event. Kathryn thought that a greeter handing out materials would be helpful. Arts and crafts for the children in attendance were also discussed for the next Living History Day. Feedback from the locals was positive, most added that they would attend no matter the weather or number of people in attendance. Judy will compile the temperatures on past LHD events and will present a report for further discussion at the next meeting.

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2 Ruth Scadding suggested that sending flyers home with Frank's summer campers may help spread the
3 word. Approximately 125 children attend the summer program. Kathryn will put together a 3-ring binder
4 for Living History Day showing procedures as a "how to" manual.

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6 Expenses for the day were discussed. The total amount spent was \$172.12. The breakdown was as
7 follows: \$134.05 for food , cookies, chips, and soda; \$31.80 for pizza; and
8 \$6.27 for ice

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10 Further breakdown was as follows:

11 Cookies	\$8.97
12 Soda	\$9.69
13 Chips	\$13.26
14 Total =	\$31.92
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16 6 Pizzas =	\$31.80

17 total = \$63.72 for the volunteer thank you party following the event

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19 Food and ice for demonstration purposes and lunch for the volunteers \$108.40
20 Grand Total= \$172.12

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22 \$200.00 was advanced from the Township with \$27.88 returned.

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24 An additional \$10.00 for the use of the CCHS trunk use will be sent.

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26 Town Tours and Village Walks- will be held on July 22nd beginning at 5:30pm. A few items / directions
27 will be added to the script. Volunteers are being asked to be at the site by 4:30 for last minute instructions
28 and set-up. Volunteers should look for additional information to be sent via email. Plans will be finalized
29 at the July meeting.

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31 Family Research- Ed is on vacation until July, but will have some research findings upon his return.

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33 ABC Meeting- it was discussed during the May 15th meeting with all ABC's that a second meeting be
34 held in September or October.

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36 Other Old Business- Hershey Mill Dam- the BOS determined to go with Advanced Geo-Services for the
37 breach analysis of the Dam. The Conservancy Commission has not changed their position on the dam and
38 they still think it should be breached. The trend is to remove dams and return the area back to nature. The
39 Historical Commission's view in the past is that the area is historical and the viewscape supports the dam.
40 The Board was divided and the question is if the dam is historic do we support retention if not historic do
41 we support anyway. Ben's concern is that part of the Battle of the Clouds was fought in that area and that
42 the soldiers buried there be not forgotten. Discussion will continue. Input from Jane Davidson, Jane
43 Dorchester, Karen Marshall and Bob Wise will be sought since the dam had been repaired and a concern
44 was raised by two members about the affect that has on the historic aspects of the dam.

45 46 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

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48 Expenses- The garden was planted for \$37.94 due to the discounts received from Agway. A
49 thank you will be sent. A shelving unit for the Blacksmith Shop cost the HC nothing and a name
50 plate will cost \$38.50. That money will come from donations for the Plank House. The door to

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1 the meeting room at the Blacksmith shop will be covered with a decorative metal spear to
2 simulate strap hinges. They will come from Nask Doors and will cost \$35.00. Plank House
3 donations will be used for this as well.

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5 Other New Business

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7 Copies of the book are not currently in the Malvern or Exton libraries. Copies will be placed in both
8 facilities in the near future. Judy and Sue will handle this.

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11 **9-LIAISON REPORTS**

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

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16 Parks and Recreation- Ben reported that Frank said that the Winter Program was very successful. Mark
17 reported that he contacted PennDot in regarding the crosswalks near the park entrance and was given a
18 list of options and will seek approval of the placement of portable crossing signs during park hours at the
19 western entrance crosswalk. The board discussed the idea that the ABC's get together for informal
20 exchange of ideas, plans, and needs. CB, HC, and P&R tentatively agreed to meet on May 15th.

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

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27 **10 PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.

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29 **11. ADJOURNMENT** – A motion made by Sue and seconded by Chris to adjourn at 10:00pm.

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34 Linda Jones
35 Recording Secretary

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