

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY**  
**July 8, 2010**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 7:00pm at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Co-Vice Chairmen Ben Rohrbeck and Ellen Carmody, and members Chris Reardon, Sue Ciorletti, Judy Schafer, Ed Lendrat, and Joe Zug. Also in attendance were: Senya Isayeff (BOS), Mark Gordon, (Zoning Officer), Resident Linda Waterhouse Koski, (owner of The Tory Inne), Peter Schaffer, Owner of The Food Source International, Inc. and prospective buyer of The Tory Inne, Amanda Sunquist, (Attorney representing The Food Source International, Inc.), and Betty Fennelly, Weichert Realtor.

**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 specifically to remember an East Goshen Resident U.S. Army Sergeant Fastuca who was killed last week in the line of duty in Afghanistan.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup> were tabled until next month's meeting. The May 13 minutes were approved.

**4. ACTIVITY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Corrections and additions to the calendar were made.

Chris noted the 28<sup>th</sup> Gunmakers Fair to be held July 23, 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. A flyer would be emailed to the board members.

Kathryn noted that Charles Proctor has resigned from the Planning Commission but will be serving on the Zoning Hearing Board. She also reported that Senya Isayeff has resigned from the Planning Commission and continues as the Chairman on the Board of Supervisors. Two openings on the Planning Commission were filled. The two appointed new members are Jim McRee and Dan Daley.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Items would be incorporated into the regular discussion.

**6. SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Applicant Schaffer Properties, LLC/The Food Source represented by Peter Schaffer gave a presentation with regards to his company which employs eight people. The applicant seeks to adaptively reuse the existing historic building as a business office. They are wholesale distributors of dry ingredients, ie., seasonings, for a variety of foods. He explained there will not be any cooking / manufacturing at this location and the structure would be used only for office space.

Kathryn asked if there would be any changes to the interior. Peter responded they plan to leave the premises "as is" but the bedrooms would be used as office space. There will be no exterior changes, no signage outside with the exception of adding two more parking spaces which would be just for employees. Kathryn added he would need to address the entrance/exit signage when attending the Planning Commission meeting.

Chris briefly discussed the existing parking and the requirement for a handicap accessible parking space.

Kathryn asked what happens if The Food Source outgrows and moves the space. Would a new business inherit the conditional use application, if approved. Zoning Officer Mark Gordon explained that the Conditional use application runs with the land. If a new owner has a similar use, the conditional use could be amended but, if the use is different, then the new applicant would have to re-apply and the Board of Supervisors would determine if a Conditional Use application is needed.

Lastly, Kathryn explained that the Historical Commission encourages the new owner to preserve the historic property and maintain the character of The Tory Inne.

Kathryn read a motion for the Historic Commission to approve The Food Source International, Inc. application for a Conditional Use to adaptively reuse the existing historic building as a business office. Chris made a motion to that effect and Ben Rohrbeck seconded the motion. There were no additional comments and no opposition. Vote was unanimous.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Kathryn discussed the Town Tours and Village Walks and discussed finalizing the scripts, the props, the layout, the personnel, the food and lastly, photographers.

Kathryn also mentioned the need for a map for the volunteers as well as signage, i.e. Parking, registration and “Your Tour Starts Here”.

Linda Gordon will be signing her book “Images of America East Goshen Township”.

B. 501.c.3 – Ellen reported that there have been two meetings with the ABCs representatives. Township Manager Rick Smith reported that a mission statement should be established. Therefore, the next meeting with designated ABC members will be to draw up a mission statement as well as by-laws for this committee. It was noted that Beth Briglia of the Chester County Community Foundation is willing to help the East Goshen Township with the details such as letterhead, mailing, filing with the government for grants, etc. With regard to the fundraising, Ellen stressed the importance of having monies documented and tracking of various donations.

C. Philadelphia Campaign – Chris reported nothing new with regards to the Philadelphia Campaign.

D. Building and Grounds Committee – Ben reported two sections of the rails in the fencing which had been down are now repaired.

e. Other Projects – Judy Schaffer had an assignment to track the weather for the past twelve years from June thru Sept. She reported the average.

It was also noted the Images of America East Goshen Township are now in the Exton Library, the Malvern Library as well as the West Chester Library Thanks to Judy and Sue.

Hershey's Mill Dam – Further discussion regarding Hershey Mills Dam being a site of a skirmish. Ben opined by repairing the dam has made this dam “unhistoric”. Ellen tossed out a theory of the possibility of buried relics under the silt.

In light of the possibility of lost treasures, Kathryn discussed putting a short article for the next newsletter seeking found ‘relics’ from residents. Ellen will write the article.

Lastly, it was noted the Joe Nask of Nask Door donated spears for the Blacksmith Shop door's faux strap hinges. A thank you note will be sent.

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

Residents Christopher and Connor Cummings greeted the Historical Commission and discussed a project they were working on. Their project will be a documentary on the “before/after” historic areas in East Goshen Township as they have been very much involved with the Chester County Historic Society and decided on a ten minute audio/visual documentary of East Goshen Township since this is where they reside. They are primarily looking at the Historic Goshenville, the Battle of the Clouds as well as the Hershey Mill Dam. The Cummings brothers also noted they wanted to incorporate interviews in their documentary. Kathryn Yahraes responded the Historical Commission would be willing to work with them and come up with ideas, resources and possible photos.

#### **9. LIAISON REPORTS**

Chris gave a brief recap of the Planning Commission meeting. The Liberty Towers application probably would not be supported by the Board of Supervisors. He noted another potential location would be at the back of the Township building. Lastly, there would be a possible one large pole instead of the originally offered three poles.

Chris also reported the Shirley Fox had signage on her property that noted the lot was available for development.

#### **10 PUBLIC COMMENT – none**

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – A motion made by Ben and seconded by Sue to adjourn at 9:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Tarsi  
ABC Secretary

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