

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2010**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Co-Vice Chairmen Ben Rohrbeck and Ellen Carmody, and members Chris Readson, Sue Ciorletti, Joe Zug, and Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector), Dolores Higgins and Ruth Scadding (Park & Recreation Board).

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ellen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathryn led those present in a moment of silence for our troops.

Kathryn asked if anyone was recording the meeting. There was no response.

3. MINUTES

Chris moved to approve the minutes from June 10, 2010 as corrected. Ben seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sue moved to approve the minutes from July 8, 2010 as corrected. Chris seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Activity Calendar – Kathryn reviewed the calendar and mentioned 2 new items.

1. On Thursday, October 7, 2010 the Chester County Historic Preservation Network will host a seminar at the West Whiteland Township Building at 7:00 p.m. Jim Garrison will speak about Historic Structures and How To Maintain Them.

2. On Friday, October 22, 2010 the Township will have a Shredding Day at the Bible Baptist Church. Time to be determined.

B. Kathryn asked if anyone had any non agenda items to discuss. There was no response.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Kathryn announced that the Board of Supervisors appointed Judy Schafer as voting member of the Historical Commission.

B. Kathryn mentioned that Monica Close's father passed away last week. Also, Linda Gordon's husband, Donald Barshinger, passed away last week. In the past the Commission has made memorial gifts. The Commission agreed to send \$50 each to the Willistown Conservancy in memory of Donald Barshinger and, if there is no suggestion, an item will be purchased for the Plank House in memory of Monica's father. Ben suggested a butter churn.

C. Kathryn said the commission has an opportunity to take photos inside the Harlan Farm house. Also, they will be able to take more comprehensive photos of the Torrie House.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Tour and Village Walk – Kathryn asked if anyone had any feedback for the event held on July 22, 2010. Ellen feels that, in the future, it should be mentioned that there will be a lot of walking. Also bales of hay should be put along the trail so people can sit if they need to. The way the stations were set out was very good and people liked the diversity of people (military, British) and age groups. She suggested that the changes made in the Plank House remain for awhile and then give out a written sheet describing what was done.

Ben mentioned that a couple came back on Saturday for another visit.

Ruth reported that one of the attendees stopped her in Genuardi's to say that she goes to all the TT&VW and this was the best one.

Dolores feels the distance walking made it seem long but the actual stops weren't. The first group of 30 was too many at one time. Dolores got comments from dog walkers in the park the next day. They expected to see more advertising in the township. She suggested that a generic banner be made that can be used at each of the sites to advertise the event.

Kathryn said the Network discussed this at their last meeting. They thought 2 signs would be good. One could be at the site for that week and the other could be at the next site. Also, only 10 people went into the Plank House (tavern) at a time. Ben heard a comment that a Quaker would not have placed bets with the British.

Kathryn said a man from Modena taped all of the Town Tours and it will be submitted to the Historic Society. Ed heard that the man's battery ran out before he was done the walk in East Goshen.

Joe commented that Sandy Snyder of the Park & Recreation Board was a volunteer and was very excited about being in the event.

Kathryn mentioned that Darryl (a professional photographer) just showed up and asked if he could take photos. It was decided that his photos should be put on a CD so all commission members can have a copy of all photos.

Chris suggested using the scripts from this event at a future Living History Day.

Kathryn asked for ideas for outside exhibits to entertain those who are waiting to take the tour, i.e. colonial musicians or singers.

Kathryn has the names and phone numbers of most of the people who attended. She suggested that the commission members call them, thank them for coming, and ask if they want to be notified of future events by email. The commission members all agreed not to do this.

B. 501(c)3 – Ellen reported that they discussed what they could achieve. However, she doesn't think this will work at this point in time because of the restrictions on allocation of funds.

C. Philadelphia Campaign – Chris reported that East Goshen has been approved to attend as a vendor. The history books can be sold at this event. The vendor fee was \$25.00 which was split with Paoli Battlefield. A tent, table, and chairs will be provided. The schedule is: Friday night to set up. Saturday 9 am to 4 pm – Ben will be there all day. Sunday 9 am to 3 pm – Chris will be there all day. Chris will make a spreadsheet to sign people up. They would like to have 2 people at a time for 2 hours shifts.

Chris feels the appearance of East Goshen in period correct apparel at this event will give public notice to the "Battle of the Clouds". Photos of this should be used to give

information. Ben will tell Kathryn what photos he needs. Ben will also prepare a written summary of the "Battle of the Clouds" for the volunteers.

Dolores discussed the inventory of outfits. The women have to wear aprons.

Kathryn will notify the Plank House volunteers to see if any of them want to help.

D. Signage at the Blacksmith Shop – Chris donated two wagon wheels. One will be used as a sign for the Blacksmith Shop. Ben provided a drawing and his notes about where to put it. The wheel will be painted red. Mark Gordon needs a sketch of the sign at the proposed site.

E. Other projects – The Paoli Battlefield Illumination will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 7 – 9 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Ben received a call from a man who wants to walk the area of the Battle of the Clouds on that day.

F. Research – Ed reported that he is almost done his current project. He has selected the next set of properties to research.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget – Kathryn will meet with Ben and Ellen to work on the 2011 budget and will present it at the September meeting for approval.

B. The Township Calendar of Annual Events was reviewed. The Chester County Day will be back in the East Goshen area in 2011. The Commission decided to limit their events to two per year. In 2011 there will be a Living History Day in June and Chester County Day in October.

C. The Civil War Commemoration Road Show will be at Penn State Great Valley Campus July 21 thru 24, 2011. Also, it may be somewhere else in Chester County in the fall.

D. 2011 Goals – Gary provided a copy of the Comprehensive Plan Overview to look at for 2011 Goals.

E. Chris found a book about the Battle of the Clouds listed on the internet. It is written by Harry Pleasants and cost \$70. Kathryn would like to compile a list of history books to recommend in the Township newsletter.

8. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Board of Supervisors – Kathryn reported that they changed their meeting format to eliminate the workshop before the meeting. The formal meeting will start at 7 p.m. and there will be more discussion of items at the meeting. They discussed the trash bids. Also, regarding the Hershey's Mill Dam, they voted to have it appraised for a possible sale.

9. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A. 1325 West Chester Pike – The plans for Regal Arms apartments was reviewed but the applicant has to make changes to the plan.

B. 947 Cornwallis Drive – The plans were reviewed but it does not involve a historic property.

C. 1440 Center Street – This application was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

D. Gary gave an update on the Tory House.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or comment. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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