

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - A. August 12, 2010
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Activity Calendar – Additions and Changes
 - B. Any Other Matter
- 5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. 501.(c).3 Update -- Ellen
 - B. Philadelphia Campaign Commemoration Plans -- Chris
 - C. Building and Grounds Committee
 - D. Other Project / Task Reports – Discussion as needed
 - E. Family Research for Historical Resources– Ed Lendrat
 - F. Other Old Business
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Review Expenses / Approve Invoices / Discuss Budget as Needed
 - B. Discuss Preliminary Budget for 2011
 - C. Review Comprehensive Plan Action Items
 - D. Begin 2011 Goal Setting Process
 - E. Other New Business
- 8. LIAISON REPORTS**
 - A. Reports not yet emailed / updates on ABC Activities
 - B. Q & A
- 9. SUB-DIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**
 - A. Liberty Towers LLC – ZHB Scheduled for 9/22/10 at 7:30 pm
 - B. 1325 West Chester Pike – Sketch Plan for Apartments (Regal Arms)
 - C. 947 Cornwalls Drive – Sketch Plan for Subdivision (Angelini)
 - D. 1440 Center Street – ZHB Application for Dimensional Relief (Weber)
 - E. Any Other Matter
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

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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 Reardon, Sue Ciorletti, Joe Zug, and Ed Lendrat. Excused absences were: Monica Close and Judy Schafer. 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 would be no recordings made.

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 – The calendar was reviewed. Two new items were added:

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 were none.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. The Board of Supervisors appointed Judy Schafer as voting member of the Historical Commission.

B. 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.

1 C. Kathryn said the Commission has an opportunity to take photos inside the original
2 farm house in the Sorrell Hill Development. Also, arrangements will be made to take
3 more comprehensive photos of the Tory Inne before the new Owners occupy it.
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5 6. OLD BUSINESS

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

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

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

16 Dolores feels the distance walking made it seem long but the actual stops weren't. The
17 first group of 30 was too many at one time. Dolores got comments from dog walkers in
18 the park the next day. They expected to see more advertising in the Township. She
19 suggested that a generic banner be made by the County P & R Department that can be
20 used at each of the sites to advertise the event. Kathryn said CCHPN discussed this at
21 their last Board meeting. They thought 2 signs would be good. One could be at the site
22 for that week and the other could be at the next site. Also, only 10 people went into the
23 Plank House (tavern) at a time. Ben heard a comment that a Quaker would not have
24 placed bets with the British.

25 Kathryn said a man from Modena taped all of the Town Tours and it will be submitted to
26 the Chester County Historic Society after editing by the County P & R Department. Ed
27 thought he heard that the man's battery ran out before he was done the walk in East
28 Goshen.

29 Joe commented that Sandy Snyder of the Conservancy Board was a volunteer and was
30 very excited about being in the event.

31 Kathryn mentioned that Darryl Moran (a professional photographer) asked if he could
32 take photos. It was decided that his photos should be put on a CD so all Commission
33 members can have a copy of all photos. Instead of a selective photo given to the
34 volunteers, a CD will be sent to them as well.

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

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

38 Kathryn has the names and phone numbers of most of the people who attended. She
39 suggested that the commission members call them, thank them for coming, ask for
40 feedback and ask if they want to be notified of future events by email. The Commission
41 members all agreed not to do this so as to not intrude on the privacy of the participants.

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

45 C. Philadelphia Campaign Commemoration – Chris reported that East Goshen has been
46 approved to attend as a vendor. The history books can be sold at this event. The vendor
47 fee was \$25.00 would be split with Paoli Battlefield. A tent, table, and chairs will be
48 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 Wheelwright side of 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. Gary will help Ben on the project.

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 his group to walk the area of the Battle of the Clouds on that day. Ben will give them a talk at the end of their walk.

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 budge 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 as well. The Commission will plan on a Civil War activity to coincide with the traveling visit

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 suggested that the Commission compile a list of history books recommended for reading and post it on the Website and, perhaps, list books to read 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

1 A. 1325 West Chester Pike – The plans for Regal Arms Apartments was reviewed but
2 the applicant has to make changes to the plan. They will be coming back to the Planning
3 Commission.

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

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

7 D. Gary gave an update on the Tory Inne.
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10 10. CORRESPONDENCE

11 None
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13 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

14 None
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16 12. ADJOURNMENT

17 Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded the motion. There was no
18 further discussion or comment. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at
19 10:00 p.m.
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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AS OF 9-1-2010

JANUARY 2010

9 (SAT) EGT Annual Planning Session 7:45 am
14 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2010

10 (WED) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 4/1]
11 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
27 (SAT) Nat'l History Day – Judge's Orientation–9:30 am

MARCH 2010

6 (SAT) Nat'l History Day Competition Judging –
8:00 am – 2:00 pm -- Immaculata University
11 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
13 (SAT) CCHPN Conference 9:00 am– 2:00 pm
14 (SUN) Charter Day – any PHMC site – 12-4:00 pm – FREE
14 (SUN) Charter Day – Brandywine Battlefield –
12:30- 4:00 pm
15 (MON) Tour EGT RCSTP – 9:45 – 11:45 am
27 (SAT) Annual Egg Hunt 9:00 am– 12:00 noon
28 (SUN) Annual Egg Hunt 9:00 am – 12:00 noon (rain date)
28 (SUN) Plank House Vol Orientation/Meeting – 1:00 pm

APRIL 2010

8 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm

17 (SAT) Keep EGT Beautiful Day 8:30 am – Noon
24 (SAT) Historic Sugartown Day – 10 am – 4 pm
TBA (SAT) CCHS Reception for NHD 10:00 am - CCHS

MAY 2010

1 (SAT) Plank House opens – Weekends 1– 4:00 pm
1 (SAT) EGT Yard Sale 9-1
2 (SUN) EGT Yard Sale (Rain Date – 9-1)
12 (WED) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 7/1]
13 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
15 (SAT) ABCs Meeting – 8:30-11 am
18 (TUES) Primary Election Day
TBA (SAT) Childrens' Day – Brandywine Battlefield
TBA MuSA # 9 – Program and Patriot's Path talk – 7-9 pm

JUNE 2010

5 (SAT) Living History Day - Plank House 11 a.m.- 4 :00 pm
10 (THURS) Kickoff for Village Walks and Town Tours
10 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
16 (WED) Fugett Awards Assembly 8th Grade – 8:30 am
19-20 (SAT/SUN) Monmouth Battlefield Commemoration
23 (WED) CCHPN Meeting and Volunteer Recognition 5:00: pm
(Welkinweir)
24 (THUR) TT & VW at Paoli Battlefield 5:30 PM
26 (SAT) Community Day Fireworks at EGT Park – Opens at 7,
Fireworks at dusk
27 (SUN) Raindate - Community Day Fireworks (time: same
as Sat)

JULY 2010

4 (SUN) Let Freedom Ring - Paoli Battlefield 1-2:30 pm
8 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
22 (THUR) EGT Town Tour & Village Walk -- 5:30 – 8:00 pm
TBA -- Goshen Friends Camp at PH/BSS - *canceled*

AUGUST 2010

2-7 (MON-SAT) Goshen Fair – evening
11 (WED) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 10/1]
12 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 2010

9 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
11-12 (SAT/SUN) Chadds Ford Days – 10 am to 5:00 pm
18 (SAT) Illumination at Paoli Battlefield – 7-9 pm
23 (THURS) Chester County Day Slide Presentation - 7:00 pm
25-26 – Philadelphia Campaign – Brandywine Creek State Park
Wilmington DE

OCTOBER 2010

2 (SAT) Chester County Day
2 (SAT) EGT Yard Sale 9-1
7 (THUR) CCHPN Program - West Whiteland TWP - 7:00 pm
14 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
16 (SAT) Pumpkin Festival – EGT Park 10:00 am –1:00 pm
(rain date SUN 11/17)
22 (FRI) – Township Shredding Event – Bible Baptist
Church - Time TBA
TBA Fall Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Day

NOVEMBER 2010

2 (TUES) Election Day
10 (WED) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 1/1]
11 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
20 (SAT) EGT Neighbor-To-Neighbor Day – 9:00 am to Noon

DECEMBER 2010

9 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
TBA EGT Holiday Party 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Comprehensive Plan Actions Historical Commission

Sub #	Township Responsibility	Timeframe for Completion	Priority	Recommendations and Actions	Method of Implementation
5C-2	Historical Commission, Township Administration	1 - Immediate	1 - High	Develop programs describing the background and emergence of Goshenville.	Distribute information and promote programs through Township newsletter, website, newspapers, local radio, television, schools, and self- guided tours.
5A-2	Historical Commission, Planning Commission, Supervisors	2 - Short-term	1 - High	Develop design guidelines for the preservation and protection of historic resources.	Research existing applicable design guidelines and adapt for the Township.
5B-1	Historical Commission	2 - Short-term	1 - High	Evaluate the historical documentation and establish preservation priorities.	Evaluation and listing of resource preservation priorities.
5C-2	Historical Commission, Township Administration	2 - Short-term	1 - High	Prepare a written document with historic photographs and site area plans showing Goshenville.	Document Goshenville in a booklet or brochure, distribute to local public libraries, school libraries, and historic properties in the Goshenville Historic District, and at the Township Building.
5A-1	Historical Commission, Planning Commission	2 - Short-term	2 - Medium	Develop and implement a local plaque program for historic structures and properties.	Complete certification process through the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission; develop and implement guidelines
5B-5	Historical Commission, Planning Commission	2 - Short-term	2 - Medium	Review ordinances to enhance the benefits of adaptive reuse that maintain historic resources.	Historic Preservation Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance

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5C-1	Historical Commission, Township Administration, Board of Supervisors	3 - Long-term	1 - High	Develop additional events to re-enact the typical life of Rocky Hill, Milltown, and Hershey's Mill residents in the 18 th and 19 th centuries.	Township contributions, sponsorships and grants.
5D-1	Historical Commission, Township Administration	3 - Long-term	1 - High	Develop an event to re-enact the typical life of Rocky Hill and Milltown residents, and of works at Hershey's Mill, in the 18 th and 19 th centuries.	Coordinate development of this event with the Chester County Historical Society, the Historical Commission, and local historians
5D-1	Historical Commission	3 - Long-term	1 - High	Provide sponsorship and facilities to enable the re-enactment to occur.	Township contributions, sponsorships and grants
5B-2	Historical Commission	3 - Long-term	2 - Medium	Review historical documentation to see if additional Local Historic District(s) should be created	Review information
5B-4	Historical Commission, Township Administration	3 - Long-term	2 - Medium	Establish program guidelines to encourage private historic preservation measures.	Historical Commission working with individual property owners, local land trusts, and the Township to secure various preservation mechanisms such as the sale or donation of easements, deed restrictions, and restrictive covenants, which can be implemented on a one-on-one basis with individual owners of historic properties.
5B-3	Historical Commission, Supervisors	3 - Long-term	3 - Low	Investigate and consider application for recognition as a Certified Local Government (CLG).	CLG application process as required by the PHMC. This action requires completion of implementation actions under Recommendations 5B-1 and 5B-2.

5A-1	Historical Commission with consultant assistance	4 - On-going	1 - High	Encourage the use of approved historical names for all new developments and roads.	Develop list of approved names
5B-1	Historical Commission	4 - On-going	1 - High	Update the historical documentation for properties on the Historic Resource Inventory.	Historic Resource Inventory following PHMC guidelines for survey techniques
5C-1	Historical Commission, Township Administration, Supervisors	4 - On-going	1 - High	Provide sponsorship and facilities for re-enactment events.	Township contributions, sponsorship and grants.
5C-1	Historical Commission, Township Administration	4 - On-going	1 - High	Continue to re-enact the typical life of Goshenville residents in the 18 th and 19 th centuries.	Recruit additional volunteers, distribute information, Township newsletter, other media including website, newspapers, radio and TV, schools and self-guided tours. Coordinate with the Chester County Historical Society and other local historians.
5A-1	Historical Commission, Township Administration, Parks and Recreation Board	4 - On-going	2 - Medium	Develop informational programs.	Township Recreation program to include speakers at special events encompassing historical events and locations of significance with in the Township.
5A-1	Historical Commission, Township Administration, Parks and Recreation Board	4 - On-going	2 - Medium	Prepare and distribute informational materials.	Township Newsletter, website, at the Township Building and at selected sites
5A-1	Historical Commission	4 - On-going	2 - Medium	Involve volunteer organizations and individuals in implementation strategies.	Identify and contact prospective organizations and individuals
5A-1	Historical Commission	4 - On-going	2 - Medium	Develop and provide local historical information for use in local schools.	Work with local school curriculum staff
5B-1	Historical Commission	4 - On-going	2 - Medium	Investigate opportunities for grants or funding to update the Historic Resource Inventory.	Research grant requirements and apply for funding as applicable.

5B-4	Historical Commission, Township Administration	4 - On-going	2 - Medium	Develop materials to promote voluntary historic preservation.	Research grant requirements and apply for funding as applicable; develop incentives associated with the program in order to encourage voluntary participation.
5C-1	Historical Commission	4 - On-going	2 - Medium	Coordinate re-enactments with other activities of a historical nature.	Other historical organizations throughout the County.
5D-1	Historical Commission	4 - On-going	2 - Medium	Prepare to coordinate re- enactments with similar activities for Goshenville.	Other historical organizations throughout the County.
5A-3	Historical Commission	4 - On-going	3 - Low	Assist in the preparation of application materials to nominate eligible structures, sites, and districts for the National Register.	Identify resources and become familiar with the application process

7. GOALS
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2010 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP – HISTORICAL COMMISSION

IMMEDIATE GOALS

- A. Explore new approaches to the presentation of the Plank House and Blacksmith Shop. Emphasize attracting new and repeat visitors. **HIGH**
- B. Host one Town Tour & Village Walk using a “first person interpreter” approach. Assist neighboring municipalities as needed. **MEDIUM**
- C. Implement a media campaign to promote historical activities. **MEDIUM**
- D. Enhance the historical section on the web site. **HIGH**

LONG-TERM GOALS

- A. Work on the County GIS Historical Project for East Goshen Township with the assistance of the County Historic Preservation Officer. **LOW**
- B. Continue development of the third program for the Township using a “first person interpreter” approach. **MEDIUM**
- C. Investigate designs and develop requirements for plaques to be made available to local historical houses. **LOW**
- D. Fine-tune the 10-year implementation timeline of the Action Plan for the Historic Commission as identified in Chapter 10 of the Township’s Comprehensive Plan. **MEDIUM**
- E. Involve residents in the process of nominating the Rocky Hill Historic District and the Hershey’s Mill Historic District for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. **MEDIUM**
- F. Consider recommendations for housing the Conestoga Wagon. **LOW**

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2010 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP – HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ONGOING HISTORICAL COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

- A. Maintain the development of a strong volunteer program beyond the Commission members that will provide more staff to help with events and special projects. Continue to involve other ABC's in local historic events and programs. **HIGH**
- B. Plan and implement two Living History Days. **HIGH**
- C. Continue to work on the marketing aspects of the "Images of America" history book for East Goshen Township. **HIGH**
- D. Maintain an awareness of the roles, responsibilities, duties and contributions of the Historical Commission. **MEDIUM**
- E. Initiate comprehensive research of the prior property owners for the resources on the Inventory List of Historic Resources. Continue to update the chain of title for the entries on the Inventory of Historic Resources. Complete the chain of title for new entries. Begin comprehensive auditing of Historical Commission file contents for properties. **MEDIUM**
- F. Enhance the Oral History Program. Recruit additional volunteers to help. **MEDIUM**
- G. Continue to implement as well as review and recommend changes to the Board of Supervisors for the Historic Preservation Ordinance. As the Commission identifies new resources, add them to the Historic Inventory list. **HIGH**
- H. Promote our Township in the community through participation in historic-related events and activities including work with groups such as the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS), Chester County Historical Preservation Network (CCHPN), the Regional Historic Group and others. **MEDIUM**
- I. Provide articles for every Township newsletter. **HIGH**
- J. Develop a 5-year and 10-year plan for maintenance of the Plank House and Blacksmith Shop. **MEDIUM**
- K. Re-evaluate continued participation in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. **MEDIUM**
- L. Investigate sources for grant money and implement if possible. **MEDIUM**