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3 **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**
4 **HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**
5 **OCTOBER 14, 2010**

6 The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on
7 Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance
8 were: Chairman Kathryn Yahraes, Co-Vice Chairmen Ben Rohrbeck and Ellen Carmody, and
9 members Sue Ciorletti, Judy Schafer, and Monica Close (non-voting member). Excused
10 absences were Joe Zug and Chris Reardon. Also in attendance were: Gary Althouse (Township
11 Building Inspector), and Ruth Scadding (Park & Recreation Board).

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13 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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16 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

17 Sue led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

18 Kathryn led those present in a moment of silence for our troops.

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20 **3. MINUTES**

21 Kathryn asked if anyone was recording the meeting. There was no one who would be
22 recording the meeting. Ben moved to approve the minutes from September 9, 2010 as
23 corrected. Sue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion
24 passed unanimously.

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26 **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

27 A. Activity Calendar –The calendar was reviewed.

28 B. Kathryn asked if anyone had any non-agenda items to discuss. There were none.

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30 **5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

31 Rather than a separate report, Kathryn said she would interject comments as needed into
32 the ongoing discussion tonight.

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34 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

35 A. 501(c)3 Update – The committee is going to be restructured and new members will
36 be recruited. Because of additional demands on her time, Ellen had to resign as did Ruth
37 Scadding. The township is looking for volunteers.

38 B. Philadelphia Campaign – The Commission members reviewed their participation at
39 this event held on September 25 & 26. The spot East Goshen had was near the entrance
40 to the Colonial camp so it was good exposure to the re-enactors as they passed by. Ellen
41 reported that they made contacts with re-enactors from both N. & S. Carolina. This was
42 an opportunity to talk to re-enactors in the area especially British. Some units are booked
43 through 2012. A small event can only attract them by combining with another group to
44 make it a 2 day event. The cost to the organizing group for this event was \$9,000. They
45 wanted 5,000 people but Ben said the estimate was 1,500 on Saturday and half that on
46 Sunday due to the rain. The PHMC had restrictions at Brandywine Battlefield but not in
47 Delaware and other venues. Ben feels Chadds Ford will have control of the Battlefield

1 by the end of the year. Ben talked to people from Mass. to S. Carolina to Ohio. No one
2 knew about the Battle of the Clouds or Paoli Battlefield.

3 Kathryn said people were impressed by the information the East Goshen team had and
4 some said they would like to participate in ongoing Living History Days and other events
5 in EGT. She made sure they knew it is a free event so they wouldn't be paid for coming.
6 Next time Kathryn suggested putting together a display with photos of the Plank House
7 and Blacksmith Shop area at this Delaware event. This year there were pictures of the
8 Paoli Battlefield Illumination which had just taken place the weekend prior. Ben also put
9 story boards together for the Battle of the Clouds. Ben reminded everyone that next year
10 is the Civil War 150th anniversary and also that Chester County Day would take place in
11 our quadrant. The Images of America book got good exposure and all the volunteers
12 talked to people who weren't aware of East Goshen's historic area.

13 C. Building and Grounds - Ben is waiting to make arrangements with Mark Miller to
14 install the new sign. He feels it will be installed after mowing and before snow.

15 D. Comprehensive Plan – Kathryn will be getting this in another electronic format in
16 order to sort it. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

17 E. National History Day – This will be held on March 5, 2011. Ellen attended a
18 planning meeting. This event needs more advertising and the group discussed how to get
19 schools to promote the event. An Educators Day in the Fall where parents and teachers
20 could learn more about it may be held in 2011 probably at the Chester Co. Historical
21 Society. Other ideas like working with the Intermediate Unit and additional CCHPN
22 promotion with the county municipalities can help foster more participation. The
23 Historical Society of PA along with CCHPN made a list of all historic sites in Chester
24 County. Now that Delaware County has the equivalent of CCHPN and National History
25 Day is for both counties, there should be more participation.

26 F. Contacts – Kathryn Cloutman, a teacher at East Goshen Elementary School, is
27 interested in working with the Commission. Putting information on the WCASD and
28 East Goshen Elementary School websites would make it easier to get it to parents.

29 G. Family Research – Kathryn distributed information sheets that Ed provided on
30 George W. Roberts and Charles W. Roberts who were locally involved with the Civil
31 War.

32 H. Other Projects – Kathryn ordered a CD about the Civil War which is a good resource
33 and contains art work. Ben talked to some people from Montgomery County and they are
34 going to have a recruitment camp.

35 I. CCSPA -- On September 22, the Chester County Society for Paranormal Activities
36 visited the Plank House and Blacksmith Shop and saw some orbs in some photos and
37 heard some things in recordings.

39 7. NEW BUSINESS

40 A. Expenses - Kathryn had prices for the yellow lawn signs for Living History Day.
41 Ten signs will cost \$250, 15 will cost \$275 and 20 will cost \$300. Also it will cost \$160
42 for 20 sets of date decals for the next 5 years. The Commission approved the purchase of
43 20 signs for \$300 and decals for \$160.

44 B. Officers for 2011 – Kathryn said new officers need to be discussed at the November
45 meeting.

46 C. East Goshen Bicentennial -- will be celebrated in 2017. Senya asked the Commission
47 for some preliminary ideas for events. The members gave the following: a parade,
48 lectures, a time capsule, family fun fest at the park, a video of the township history,

1 contests for young people and adults on historical topics, fireworks, historic home tour,
2 photography contest, now and then display, list of who's who of East Goshen and historic
3 markers for historic properties, writing contests, colonial and civil war events, activities
4 for historic homeowners and a carriage parade.

5 D. Barn – Gary reported that the barn at 1532 E. Strasburg Road is an associated
6 resource. There are parts of the International Property Maintenance Code that has
7 standards it might fall under. The Codes Department is still investigating.

8 E. Network Fall Lecture – Last week Kathryn attended a lecture given by Jim Garrison
9 of Frens & Frens (who worked on the Blacksmith Shop renovation and the Plank House
10 relocation) about maintaining a historic house. Dale Frens was in the audience. She met
11 with both of them and asked if they would come to a meeting for East Goshen historic
12 homeowners next Spring. Both said yes and at no charge. There are 96 resources in East
13 Goshen. Sue feels that a letter should be sent to owners stating that research continues to
14 be done on their property and ask if they are interested in seeing it. Kathryn will contact
15 Ed and have a sample letter for the November meeting. Ellen will update the list of sites.

16 F. The Spring Workshop for CCHPN will be held March 12, 2011. The topic will be
17 protecting historic properties. Sec. 106 Review will be discussed. Some members of the
18 President's Council on Historic Preservation will do this presentation. Since some
19 government officials will be here, the guest list will be expanded to include township
20 officials.

21 H. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day -- will be April 2 or 9, 2011.

22 23 **8. LIAISON REPORTS**

24 A. Park & Recreation – The Pumpkin Festival will be this Saturday, October 16. If
25 anyone can help, please come to the East Goshen Park at 9:15 am.

26 B. Board of Supervisors – Kathryn reported that Bert Deninstien, IT for the
27 Township, made a presentation about the website and email archiving. The upgrade
28 to the website is supposed to be done by mid-November. The Park & Recreation
29 Boards' request to ban pets at events in the park was denied. Hershey's Mill Dam
30 was appraised and went to bid. No bids were received. Senya and Don met with the
31 Save the Dam Committee to review engineering and fundraising. TAG made a
32 presentation of their final report. The report is on the website. The 2011
33 preliminary budget was submitted. Kathryn feels the Historic Commission will
34 receive the same amount as last year.

35 C. Other reports – were emailed.

36 37 **9. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

38 A. Liberty Towers LLC – The Board of Supervisors is looking at other areas in the
39 township to install a cell tower, possibly in the East Goshen Park. This would help
40 generate revenue for the township.

41 B. Regal Arms Apartments -- withdrew their application.

42 C. 947 Cornwallis Drive – Application was withdrawn.

43 D. 1422 Paoli Pike – Sale is pending and will be used as doctor's offices. The same
44 doctor who appeared before the Commission earlier in the year is the potential buyer.

45 E. 734 N. Chester Road (The Food Source Intl) – Gary reported that a permit for
46 parking was issued. They still need to move the propane tanks and make the bathroom
47 handicapped accessible. It may be ready to occupy by the end of November.
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1 **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

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4 **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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7 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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15 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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