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3 **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**
4 **HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**
5 **NOVEMBER 11, 2010**

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

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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 Monica 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. Chris moved to approve the minutes from October 14, 2010 as
23 corrected. Ellen 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. A luminaries and candlelight tour at
28 Brandywine Battlefield on Dec. 11, 2010 was added.

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

30 C. Kathryn received an email from Senya Isayeff (BOS Chairman) who is at a Veterans
31 Day event this evening. East Goshen will be hosting the Commercial Industrial
32 Investment Council on Wed. Feb. 16, 2011 from 7:45 to 9:00 am to begin the process of
33 filling vacant commercial spaces in the Township.

34 D. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day will be April 9, 2011.

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36 **5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

37 A. When TAG presented their report to the Board of Supervisors, they provided a
38 summary of 41 recommendations. The BOS ranked them in order of priority, selected
39 the top ten and assigned a supervisor and a Township staff member to each point.

40 B. Jane Davidson's husband passed away recently. She was the Preservation Officer
41 for Chester County. Kathryn passed around a card for the HC members to sign.

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43 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

44 A. 501(c)3 Update – Interviews will be conducted by the BOS for new members this
45 month. Kathryn suggested the Commission think about doing some fundraising next year
46 and identifying underwriters, sponsors and grant opportunities to cover the unfounded
47 items not covered by the Township budget.

1 B. Building & Grounds – Ben reported that Public Works picked up the wheel and
2 anvil and will start work on hanging the signs. Kathryn sent an email to Mark asking that
3 he put an additional dozen pickets in the outhouse for replacement on the fence around
4 the Plank House. Ben also told Mark Miller that he has no more rails. A report of future
5 anticipated repairs to the Blacksmith Shop and Plank House was sent to Mark Miller.

6 C. 2011 Goals - The goals were reviewed.

7 The Plank House was discussed. It was decided that an inventory of objects should be
8 taken and then determine how much is from the Civil War. Also, a sub-committee
9 should be established to explore the idea of introducing an interactive program for the
10 Plank House.

11 Plaques were discussed. Ellen reported that Elverson provided plaques to all owners of
12 historic properties but no one has installed theirs yet. Chris feels a letter should be sent to
13 East Goshen historic property owners outlining the responsibilities of owning a historic
14 property.

15 As a follow-up on the deteriorating barn, Kathryn spoke to Karen Marshall who feels that
16 if the house is on the resource list then the barn is considered a historic resource too.

17 Kathryn suggested putting an ad on the Township website announcing that signed copies
18 of the Images of America book are available for holiday gifts.

19 Immediate Goal A – “and period presentations” will be added after “activities.”

20 Long Term Goals – A will be changed from Low to Medium.

21 On-going Goals – E change “initiate” to “continue”

22 Ben moved to approve the Goals & Objectives as corrected. Ellen seconded the motion.

23 There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

24 D. 2011 Budget – The total will be the same as 2010 - \$6,689. Chris asked for a
25 monthly expense report in the new year.

26 E. Other projects – None

27 F. Ed explained the long process he goes through to get historic information about
28 properties. He has about 5 more visits to the Historic Society and will start to write his
29 report.

30 G. Bellows – An estimate to repair the bellows is \$5,000-6,000. Chris is willing to
31 install it as is until a decision is made. Ben will work with Chris on this. Mike Kochan
32 will also be asked to help.

33 H. Kings Highway Signs – N. Chester Road was the first Kings highway that didn’t start
34 in Philadelphia. Ben moved to authorize up to \$1,500.00 for 2 signs. Ellen seconded the
35 motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

36 I. Plank House signs – The sign at the street was vandalized a long time ago and was
37 never replaced. One sign next to the building has the wrong date and a second sign
38 parallel to the Plank House can’t be seen. Kathryn will have “the Blacksmith Shop”
39 added to the banner.

40 41 42 **7. NEW BUSINESS**

43 A. Expenses – The Historic Commission would like a monthly report.

44 B. Officers for 2011 – Chris nominated Ellen for Chairman. Sue seconded the
45 nomination. The nomination was passed unanimously.

46 Ellen nominated Chris and Ben for Vice Chairman. Sue seconded the nomination. The
47 nomination was passed unanimously.

48 C. Education Center – Tabled.

1 D. The Commission decided not to have a regular meeting in December, since the
2 Township holiday party is on that night. The new officers will meet with Kathryn before
3 the January 2011 meeting.

4 E. Toys in the Plank House need to be replenished. Chris moved to authorize up to
5 \$200 for purchase of colonial toys for the Plank House. Judy seconded the motion.
6 There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7 F. Kathryn reported that a donation of two Pewter Reproduction Jefferson wine cups for
8 the Plank House were received from Patti Kreisher.

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10 **8. LIAISON REPORTS**

11 A. Board of Supervisors – Kathryn reported that the Township will implement a new
12 email system and protocol for ABCs, they dropped random drug testing of employees
13 who don't drive for the Township, and they discussed the 2011 budget.

14 B. Other reports – were emailed.

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16 **9. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

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19 **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

20 None

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22 **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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25 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

26 Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded the motion. There was no
27 further discussion or comment. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at
28 9:35 p.m.

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33 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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