

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2011**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Ellen Carmody, Co-Vice Chairmen Ben Rohrbeck and Chris Reardon, Sue Ciorletti, Kathryn Yahraes, Judy Schafer, Joe Zug and non-voting members Monica Close and Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance was Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector and Staff Liaison to the HC) and Erich Meyer, resident.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Joe led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and in a moment of silence for our troops.

3. MINUTES

Chris moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2011 as corrected. Ben seconded the motion. The motion passed. Joe abstained.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Calendar Changes – Paoli Battlefield will not have their Freedom Rings in July. There will be Fireside Chats on June 14 and July 12.
- B. Brandywine will not have a reenactment in September. On May 14 there will be a craft day at Brandywine.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- A. Ellen announced that 1422 Paoli Pike did sell and she asked permission to inspect it before they do any renovations
- B. Ellen took photos of the retail shops at New Kent since they will be taken down and replaced by 2 more apartment buildings.
- C. Ellen started work on the resource list. The archiving program can be downloaded to a township computer.
- D. Ellen requested permission for the Historic Commission to have a Facebook page. Don McConathy told her the Board of Supervisors is looking into it.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. The January report was reviewed.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Master List – Ellen asked if any Commission members would like to help identify items in the Plank House for the master list. Some are from the 1700s and late 1800s. There are 64 pieces in the kitchen alone. The Revolutionary War items need to be put in storage. Ben will take photos of the items in the Blacksmith Shop.

- B. National History Day – An email was received from Mary Galligan stating that there will be 406 students competing in the regional competition on March 5th. Ellen forwarded the link to the Commission members to register to be a judge. Orientation for Judges is on Feb. 26, 2011 at 9:30 am.
- C. June Living History Day – Different methods of advertising this event were discussed. Ellen wants to be sure that the signs, etc. indicate that this is the Civil War era not Revolutionary War.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Section 106 – There are funds in the budget for 4 Commission members to attend the workshop on March 12, 2011. Kathryn, Judy, Ellen and Monica are going.
- B. Ben provided the Civil War research he has done so far. The Summary page gives an outline of events for each month, May through October. Then he provided a detailed page for May, June and July which give possible topics for discussion each month. There were 2 newspapers at that time with completely different viewpoints. Also, Harpers Weekly was the magazine at this time. Ben will try to download copies. He suggested that the guides should ask the visitors questions such as “Did you hear what happened at Gettysburg?” Also at the end of each tour, the guides need to tell the visitors to come back next month to hear about different people and battles. Ben needs information about what people did “at home”. The parlor will be converted to a tavern for 2011. There will be no tour of the 2nd floor. Ben feels guides should answer questions about the Plank House only if a visitor asks about it. Women sewed underwear for the troops and collected food, about ½ ton. Judy will look into getting toys. Dolls at this time started to come with porcelain heads instead of wood. Chris said there are maps that show the migration from New York to Kentucky through the Great Valley. Some clothing will have to be made for the female guides and curtains for the kitchen in the Plank House. Ellen is looking for the correct fabric. Chris moved to buy the cloth needed to do 3 windows not to exceed \$60.00. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The tours will be done in the first person. Ben said the guides should be given information sheets just for the day that they volunteered. Kathryn will set up orientation on a Sunday afternoon for the volunteers.
- C. Traveling Exhibition – The dates for the exhibition at the Penn State Campus at Great Valley are July 29 to August 1, 2011. The Chester County Historical Society applied for a grant to cover advertising. The Society will also have a gallery exhibit. Kathryn said East Goshen may be able to partner with the Society on advertising. Ellen would like 1 member of the Commission to be on the committee with the Society. Kathryn will follow up.
- D. Cell Towers – Kathryn explained that the consultants that Liberty Tower used at the beginning of the process are no longer involved. Just recently the December 10, 2009 letter from Douglas McLearn at the PA Bureau for Historic Preservation was found outlining their review of the project in accordance with Section 106. An ER number was assigned and the process started. Also, a November 21, 2000 letter shows that Historic Goshenville was designated a National Historic Property.

Karen Marshall from the Chester Co. Parks & Recreation Department wants more information and wants to meet with the Board of Supervisors. Kathryn will follow up.

9. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A. None

10. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservancy Board – Judy reported that the Conservancy Board asked for the official name of the historic area. It is Education Center in Historic Goshenville. She said the Park Board is asking for suggestions for a name for the new bridge in Applebrook. Ben suggested George Clymer who was a signer of the Constitution from East Goshen.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ben moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathryn seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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