

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Ellen Carmody, Co-Vice Chairman Ben Rohrbeck, 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), George Martynick (Planning Commission), Dolores Higgins, Erich Meyer, and Don Beideman.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. MINUTES

Kathryn moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2011 as corrected. Ben seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The minutes of February 16, 2011 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Activity Calendar was reviewed.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Ellen reported that National History Day at Immaculatta did have over 400 students participate. Ben did a talk on indentured servants. A student from East Goshen won 1st place in the documentary category.

B. Ellen reported that the bellows have been installed at the Blacksmith Shop. Also, the barrel was picked up by Sue and Ben. Dolores worked on patterns from the 1800's. Judy cleaned out the garden and researched gardens in the 1800s. She wants to meet with Kathryn to work on a plan for plants. An anonymous donor has given paint for the meeting room. Ellen thanked everyone for their help.

Ben commented that they need shot glasses and glass beer mugs. Ben and Chris are working on the bar for the tavern. Judy has some shelves for behind the bar.

Ellen reported that the curtains for the kitchen are done.

C. Ellen said she couldn't wear all the hats that Kathryn did when Kathryn was Chairman, but Ellen gave Kathryn a tall, green and white Dr. Seuss hat. In the white rows, Ellen wrote all the "hats" that Kathryn wore. Then she read a poem she wrote for Kathryn. Kathryn wore the hat for the meeting.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Monica gave out copies of the monthly and year to date expenses. Dolores asked about royalties from the book. Kathryn will check this out. Kathryn moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ben seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Master List – Ellen is working on the archive program. The Maker's Mark is showing up in photos if there is one on an object. Ben suggested marking lines on a board to use

when taking photos to show the size of the object. Ellen would like to put a value to the objects if possible.

B. Car Tour - Ed reported that he and Judy met to discuss this tour for the Township's anniversary. Judy has a map of the Township with dots indicating Ben's tour. First they will locate all resources. Then they will assign a color to each separate area. Ed went through his files of samples of walking tours. Las Vegas, New Mexico has the most similar situation with 900 structures on their list. Their list is broken down into areas. Judy will draft a letter to the owners of historic properties in the Township explaining about the Township's celebration and the tours that are being planned. This letter must be reviewed by the Township Solicitor. This will give residents an opportunity to say that they don't want to be on the tour. Ed asked about the 12 resources missing from the original list. Gary reported that Rick Smith said there weren't any.

C. George Clymer - Judy gave out an information sheet about George Clymer, who was Ben's suggestion for a name to use in Applebrook. If anyone has any other suggestions, please let Judy know.

D. Applebrook Park – Kathryn voiced concern about the area around the historic structure near the new bridge. There is the rest station a scout made, a picnic table and trashcan. This is an historic area and needs to be maintained as such. Can the picnic table and trashcan be relocated? Ellen will email BOS, P&R, and Mark Miller. George explained how an Eagle Scout project operates and suggested that restraints such as future maintenance be required.

E. Ben distributed copies of Harper's Weekly from April to October during the Civil War with information about people and events in the area for each month. He suggested using these at the Saturday tours. There will be no competition from Sugartown this year.

F. Section 106 – Kathryn reminded everyone about the seminar this Saturday, March 12 on Section 106.

G. Kathryn asked which wall the barn board should go on, in the Blacksmith Shop meeting room. It was decided to put it on the window side, not past ceiling height, with white around the windows and the window sills need to be refreshed.

H. Toys – Judy passed around information about toys of the Civil War era. She asked Commission members to make suggestions. \$200 was approved for this.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Living History Day – Lou Stafford (PA 11th regiment re-enactors) called Kathryn. He was at a conference and spoke to Charlie Zahm about the Living History Day. Charlie sings and plays Revolutionary and Civil War era music. Lou asked if he would like to participate in our Living History Day. Dolores suggested having scheduled times for him in the yard between the garden and the front porch of the Plank House. Kathryn will follow up and forward the website link.

B. Cell Tower – Ellen and Kathryn attended the Zoning Hearing Board meeting about Liberty Towers, who wants to put a 150 foot tower behind the WAWA on Paoli Pike. She explained what it will look like and that it can be expanded. It will affect the viewscape from Historic Goshenville. The Board of Supervisors approved an RFP to open up the possibility of putting a tower in East Goshen Park or at the Township Complex. John Snook, who helped write the Historic Ordinance, will be the Township's expert witness. George commented that the engineers for Liberty Towers were evasive.

C. Civil War clothing – Judy, Ellen and Dolores are working on patterns for the men's shirts. Material for the men's shirts was purchased. They are working on acquiring material for the women's clothing. If they can get fabric at \$2/yd, the basic cost for 10-12 yards and buttons, etc., will be \$35 to \$40 per dress. Give Dolores the name of any fabric stores you know about. Dolores had patterns for shawls and socks and some recipes. Ruth volunteered to crochet some shawls. Kathryn put a request in the Township

Newsletter for donations from the Civil War. Jack's great grandfather was in the Civil War and Jack has several items that could be used. Ellen will order the book and CD about baseball in 1861. The cost is \$49.

C. 628 Beaumont Circle has been sold. It was known as the Meredith House and is on the historic register. Ellen showed everyone a photo of the original house before the additions.

D. There will be a lecture on March 24, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Concord Twp. Community Center. The topic is "Re-evaluating the Role of US Colored Troops in the American Civil War".

E. Sue said that Channel 20, Hershey's Mill, wants to do a program on the Civil War. Sue would like Kathryn to be the moderator.

9. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A. None

10. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservancy Board – Judy reported that the Conservancy Board was very receptive to the idea of naming an area in Applebrook for George Clymer.

She gave Ellen the grant information for the Paoli Battlefield.

B. Board of Supervisors – Kathryn reported that they denied Liberty Towers. They will not be going to PSATS in Hershey PA this year. They are revising the township map.

Park & Rec Board was increased from 5 members to 7.

C. 501c3 – Joe reported that the committee has been busy getting organized. There are 10 members. Several have fundraising experience. Joe is the Vice President.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Don Beideman has lived in East Goshen for about 40 years. He is a writer for the Phila. Inquirer and loves history. He would like to volunteer. His wife has an original discharge paper from an uncle who fought in the Civil War.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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