

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2011**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 14, 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 member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance was Gary Althouse (Township Building Inspector and Staff Liaison to the HC), and George Martynick (Planning Commission).

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. MINUTES

A. Ben moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 workshop. Kathryn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. The minutes of March 10, 2011 were reviewed but not approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Activity Calendar was reviewed. The Illumination at Paoli Battlefield has been changed from September to October 8, 2011.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. The report was reviewed and accepted as written. .

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Archive Program/computer: Ellen reported that she needed to purchase the program manual to complete the loading of the application onto our computer. She has purchased the book and will donate it to the Township.

B. Family Research for Historical Resources: Ed reported that he has completed the research on ten homes that he was working on. He will now write up his findings. He also has another nine homes to start.

C. Cell Tower Update – the BOS has issued an RFP to a number of providers. It has not been decided where the tower will be located. The HC will create a letter to ask that we become a ‘Consulting Party’ to this process.

D. Spring House at Applebrook – HC had asked that the trash can, picnic table, and dog pick-up bags be moved from in front of the Spring House in Applebrook Park. The trash can was moved, but the other two items remain.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Historic Resource Atlas – Karen Marshall

Karen presented a detailed review of the construction, use, and output of the Historic Resource project. She helped the HC understand where we currently stand, and described what we need to do to complete the project. The HC agreed with the necessity of completing the

project prior to the Thanksgiving period this year and has committed to moving the project into the number two spot in our focus... after the Historic East Goshen Day planning.

B. Advertising for June 4th Civil War Program – Ellen mentioned that we need to begin the advertising for the program right away. The HC members agreed and a motion was made (Judy/Ben) to allow for spending not more than \$200 for such advertising. Ellen has agreed to ask Don Beideman if he will help with the promotion.

C. Blackpowder Guidelines – A new ordinance has been added that will allow the firing of non-projectile blackpowder blanks in both passive and active parks with the pre-approval of the BOS. The HC made a motion (Chris/Ben) to also use the East Goshen Historic Weapons Guidelines at events we sponsor. Copies of the Guidelines will be kept in the Plank House. All participating groups of individuals will sign a form that they have read and will follow these guidelines. The forms will be retained and need not be repeated.

9. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A. 1422 Paoli Pike – The applicants appeared and presented their plans for the adaptive re-use of the historic building located on the site. There were a number of questions from the Historical Commission (HC) members regarding the applicants intention to retain as much of the historic nature and architecture as possible. The Applicants agreed that this was their intention, and that they would allow the HC a pre-construction photo and measuring opportunity, along with a presentation of the building plans for the new office to be attached.

Based on these statements the HC made an amendment (Chris/Ben) to be given to the Planning Commission (George was in attendance for this vote) and to the BOS recommending that the Adaptive reuse be allowed and that the need for a Historic Resource Review be waived. The amendment was written by Chris Reardon (Mark Gordon's copy plus additions by the HC) and forwarded to Mark Gordon for inclusion in the BOS packet on the 15th of April.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Reardon, Historic Commission Co-Chairman

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