

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Blacksmith Shop. In attendance were: Chairman Ellen Carmody, Co-Vice Chairmen Chris Reardon and Ben Rohrbeck, Kathryn Yahraes, Judy Schafer, Joe Zug, Sue Ciroletti and non-voting member - Monica Close. Also in attendance was Dolores Higgins.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ellen 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. Chris moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2011 meeting. Ben seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Activity Calendar was reviewed. Ellen pointed out that the Paoli Battlefield Campside Chat on July 12th was cancelled and has not been rescheduled.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Monica supplied a report showing expenses and donations since January 1st, 2011. There was discussion regarding contributions. The \$345 was from the sale of the Images of America book at Living History Day. There are about 175 books remaining.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Springhouse – The springhouse in Applebrook had vines growing inside and outside. Ellen notified Mark Miller, Park & Recreation Board and Conservancy Board. They were removed although some are growing inside again. This area is now part of the regular maintenance done in the park.

B. Linda Gordon arranged to have the outside of the Plank House painted. This is the same contractor who painted it before. He will donate his time and in return he will be allowed to put up his sign. The Township is paying for the paint. The windows will be caulked and the stucco repaired. Kathryn mentioned that there is still painting to be done in the Blacksmith Shop.

C. Tomorrow morning at 8:30 am Ellen will be meeting with Mark Miller to discuss the landscaping in the historic area. She will ask him about clearing the grasses away from the air conditioner and perhaps use a fence to hide it. This could be a scout project. Also, the electric meters need to be hidden. Dolores mentioned that there are some large logs at the bridge in Applebrook that should be brought to the Plank House to put the bee skep on.

D. Ellen presented a large thank you card to Ben, Kathryn and Judy from Goshen Friends.

E. Ellen attended the Township bus tour for members of the CII. Senya introduced her and the Historic Commission was listed as part of the Township's development team. The tour went past the historic area and Mark Gordon announced that it is open on Saturdays.

F. Jean Abraham told Ellen that she found an old cemetery near the Goshen Baptist Church. Ben commented that this cemetery was originally on the point of West Chester Pike and E.

Strasburg Road was moved when the church was sold. The headstones are original. She should contact the church about the upkeep of the cemetery.

G. Commission Increase – On the Board of Supervisors agenda they were scheduled to discuss increasing the number of members of the Historical Commission from 7 to 9. They wanted something in writing to explain the need for 2 more members. Kathryn put together a list of items for the Commission to consider. She reported that the BOS suggested that they do more – visit schools etc. After much discussion, Kathryn made a motion to have Ellen write a letter to the BOS and ask for an increase from 7 to 9 members. There was no second to the motion. The motion did not pass.

The members felt they should be selective and focus on the programs they want to do. There was a suggestion to take on more at-large members and volunteers.

H. Chester County Day will be held on Saturday Oct. 1, 2011. The Plank House and Blacksmith Shop will be open but no re-enactors. It will be like any Saturday.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. GIS Project – Ben reported that there are 2 historic bridges that need to be included and then the project will be done. He suggested that from 1900 onward, the list should be categorized by development and there should be recognition that someone important lived in that development in a historic home.

Ellen mentioned that she asked Karen Marshall if the grant to the Paoli Battlefield can be used to include “The Battle of the Clouds”. Karen wasn’t sure. However, Chris feels that they will have to include it because of where it occurred.

B. Archiving Project – In process.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Township Celebration is going to be in 2017 but Chris reminded everyone that plans have to be started now. He suggested a reenactment of the Battle of the Clouds and Paoli together and brigade of the American Revolution. A representative from Paoli Battlefield will be approaching Malvern Borough to have an event in the evening. Ellen commented that 4 or 5 years ago they mapped out an event like that. To make it work lower Malvern has to be involved. They were thinking of using Immaculata too. She isn’t sure if the Board of Supervisors want to head a committee or let the Historical Commission run it.

B. Malvern Institute – A site visit of the barn is being planned.

C. Farmers’ Market – Lisa O’Neil said the Historical Commission could have a table to sell books and recruit volunteers. Any schedule is ok.

9. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

A. 1422 Paoli Pike – Ellen had a copy of the information on the website from the BOS meeting. The size has been changed again from 5000 sf. to 3700 sf. It’s been continued to September 8th and the solicitor will probably ask for another continuance. Kathryn suggested that Commission members retain the information on this issue for future reference. After discussion, Chris made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to make them aware of the Historical Commission’s concern about the issuance of a waiver and to give notice that the waiver can be rescinded. Kathryn seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed. Ellen abstained.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Board of Supervisors – Kathryn reported that they approved the Tree Ordinance Amendment which contains a portion about historical trees. East Goshen has identified one historic tree in Bow Tree. Kathryn will search for the report and give it to the BOS. Also, before their next meeting, they will have the ladder truck from the fire company in back of the township building. The ladder will be extended and balloons will be attached to give an idea of how high the cell tower will be.

B. Conservancy Board – Judy pointed out that in the Conservancy Board’s minutes it was mentioned that the Historical Commission sent a letter objecting to both locations for the cell tower.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ben moved to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary