

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
August 11, 2011**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 11, 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, Joe Zug, Sue Ciroletti and non-voting members, Monica Close and Ed Lendrat. 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 July 14, 2011 meeting. Kathryn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. The Activity Calendar was reviewed. Ellen pointed out that the Pumpkin Festival has been changed to Oct. 22/raindate Oct. 23. She also pointed out that on Oct. 8, from 8am to 12 pm the CCHPN Program on Sec. 106 will be held at the Brandywine Museum which is the same day as the Paoli Battlefield Illumination in the evening from 7 – 9 pm. For 2012, the Community Day date has been set for June 23, 2012.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. Monica reported that there are no changes in expenses.

**6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

A. Ellen announced that this evening Joe Zug gave her a letter of resignation. She thanked him for his service. He will be missed but he will still help with the gardens and is also a member of the 501c3 committee.

B. The 1<sup>st</sup> New Jersey Regiment is hosting an event on September 24-25 at Mt. Harmon in Maryland.

C. Chadds Ford Days has lost their sponsor. They need volunteers and will be charging an admission fee this year.

D. On Monday, August 8, Ben and Ellen put all of the historic inventory photos on digital. They found 2 photos with 980 N. Chester Road and a TPN written on the back. However, there is no such address or TPN#. None of the Commission members recognized the building in the photos.

E. Next Monday, August 15, Ben and Kathryn will meet with Karen Marshall to complete the atlas.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Research – Ed reported that he is writing up the results of his research on 9 properties. It should be ready for the next meeting. After that his next project will be on 13 properties in the area surrounded by Paoli Pike, Ellis Lane, N. Chester Road and E. Strasburg Road.

B. Kathryn distributed an article written by Jane Davidson about Chester County Historic Resource Identification, 1976-2006, which explains the development of the Chester County Historic Society and collection of historic data in Chester County.

C. The Civil War Roadshow will be in Delaware County this weekend. In conjunction with this event, there was a geocaching project, which Don McConathy and his wife won. Don told Kathryn he would help with a project for East Goshen.

D. Friends of Historic Goshenville – The remaining funds from this fundraising group were finally located. The amount is \$1,638.24 and it has to be used for items for the Plank House. Dolores suggested using it for a security system. Kathryn and Ben feel a security system should be considered the same as replacing windows. It should not come out of the HC budget. Kathryn wants to see the original document to determine exactly how it was set up with the IRS.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2012 Budget - The proposed 2012 Budget was reviewed and discussed. Ben pointed out there is still no line item for Blacksmith Shop donations. Also, it isn't shown on this year's report. Ben suggested putting \$250.00 under revenue for donations. Ellen reviewed the remaining projects for 2011 that aren't included in the Actual numbers yet. The Commission only spent \$1,000.00 on the conversion from Revolutionary to Civil War.

For the 2012 budget, Ellen mentioned that the Commission used Linda Gordon's camera and associated equipment to do the oral history project, so when Linda moves, the Commission will have to purchase a new digital camera, etc.

Archiving – The historic items need to be stored and identified properly for insurance purposes. Ben feels the items need to be appraised by an expert. The Commission feels the Plank House should have a security system installed. Kathryn mentioned that a resident offered to install a system, but Linda Gordon didn't want it.

Ellen said the request for a Facebook page was approved.

Ellen pointed out that she increased some of the proposed amounts for the 2012 budget.

Chris made a motion to submit the Historical Commission's wish list with increased amounts.

Ben seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

B. Events for 2012 – Ellen asked if the commission members want to continue with the Civil War theme next year or go back to Revolutionary. Since the County is going to be Civil War for the next 3 years, it makes sense to keep it for 2012 and 2013 and return to something else in 2014. Everyone agreed.

Living History Day 2012, spring or fall? Kathryn feels a large spring event and minor fall event would be good. The Commission members agreed to have it in the spring. Ellen wants to try to get a regiment and music for next year. The date for LHD 2012 is Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ellen suggested holding a lecture. Dolores agrees and feels the War of 1812 would be a good topic. This could be an event for next fall

Ellen suggested having an evening meeting for all of the volunteers to give them an opportunity to give suggestions for next year.

Ben reported that 75% of visitors come in the morning on Saturdays at Historic Goshenville. The morning is busier than afternoon. The numbers were: 5/21 – 9; 5/28 – 7; 6/11 – 5; 6/18 – 13; 6/25 – 15; 6/30 – 19; 7/2 – 1; 7/9 – 3; 7/16 – 16; 8/6 – 10. It was decided not to be open around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

C. Newsletter – The next deadline is Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> for the Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> paper. Ben and Ed think there are some articles from them that haven't been used yet. Ben will write about East Goshen and the War of 1812.

D. Garden – Ellen, Judy and Kathryn met with Kathy Martinides about the garden. There will be a path in the middle with 4.5 feet on each side. There will be a section for kitchen herbs and one for medicinal herbs. There will be a binder with a photo and description of the herb on one page and a recipe on the next page. Seed preservation was very important because there were no seed stores then. Chris suggested planting flaxseed. This could be tied in with the fall Harvest

Festival. The hay ride could bring people over to the historic area. William Woys Weaver lives in Devon and is an expert in seed saving. This could also be a good lecture topic. Chas Linder, from the East Goshen Township Public Works Department, will be working on this project. The weeds in the garden have been sprayed and are ready to be removed.

E. Ed found that Sadies Scattergood had 7 diaries in which she recorded the temperature at 7 am, noon, and 7 pm every day for 7 years until August 29, 1892.

F. Ben mentioned that there is a website for people looking for relatives' graves and there have been 12 hits for the Friends Cemetery.

G. Dolores spoke with Tony about the iron wheel he wants to donate. The Township will provide a truck to pick it up. Also, the cradle he wanted to donate is too modern for the Plank House. He would like a suggestion for a place to donate it.

## **9. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

A. 1422 Paoli Pike – Ellen reported that the applicant did not come back to the Planning Commission.

## **10. LIAISON REPORTS**

None

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary