

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2011**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Ellen Carmody, Co -Vice Chairmen Ben Rohrbeck and Chris Reardon, Kathryn Yahraes, Sue Ciorletti, Judy Schafer, Monica Close and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Board, Doloris Higgins and Linda Gordon.

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. Ben moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2011 meeting as corrected. Kathryn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Ellen announced that Linda Gordon is moving to Florida and thanked her for all of the hard work and leadership she has provided the Township in general, and the Historical Commission in particular. Ellen then presented her with a framed picture of the Blacksmith Shop as a parting gift.

B. Activity Calendar – The Marshallton Days event scheduled for October 22nd has been canceled.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Monica presented the Treasurers Report and budget. It was noted that 3 books have been sold, and \$145.00 was spent on the Chester County Day event with the remaining \$55.00 of the \$200.00 advance being returned. Judy will provide a bill for the \$26.16 she spent in getting the Plank House Garden Brochure printed.

Chris moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Judy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

See #4 above.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Chester County Day, Sat. October 1, 2011 – Ellen thanked everyone for a very successful day. We had many positive comments, and were the central feature of the news article done on the event. By our count we had 357 people visit the Blacksmith Shop and Plank House.

B. Plank House Garden – The garden has been redone and planted. Judy has completed a brochure to be handed out, and placed copies at the Blacksmith Shop and in the Plank House. Ellen thanked Judy and her team (including the folks from Mark Miller's staff) for all of the hard work. Judy asked the commission members to review the brochure to see if any changes are needed

C. Atlas Project – Everything needed for completion has been provided to the County. Karen has asked that we attend a meeting to review the information and final layout.

B. Research – Ed was on some well deserved vacation, so there was no update for this meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. A big thank you from the Commission to Mark Miller and his staff for all their help this year. The Commission voted to buy Wawa cards as a gift for Mark and his team.

B. Thanks also to Jack Yahraes for putting up the barn boards in the Wheelwright shop, and for ‘encouraging’ the Daily Local News Paper to focus its Chester County Days story on us!

C. Ellen and Chris thanked all the Commission members who helped at the Paoli Illumination. The event was a great success. Next year it is hoped that a reenactment with an encampment will be held.

D. Ellen and Kathryn spoke about the Chili Contest. While the Township did not win, it was a good time, and there are plans to attend again next year.

E. Ellen noted that the presentation to be made by Tom McGuire at the General Warren Inn will be limited to the first 60 people. Those wishing to attend should sign up early.

F. Ellen asked the Commission members if they thought we should have someone represent us at the Township Harvest Festival. Kathryn volunteered to gather additional information on exactly what they want us to do. She will email the Commission members with whatever she finds out.

G. Kathryn mentioned that the wood log outside of the Blacksmith Shop will be split in two – one half for a bench, and one half for a water trough.

H. Frank Vattilano (from Parks & Rec) asked if the Commission would like to play a role in the summer camp program. Ben offered to do a program in the Blacksmith shop. It was also suggested that we train one or more of the camp volunteers to work in conjunction with the Commission to provide historic programs. Ellen will let Frank know we are interested in further developing some sort of program.

I. Monica mentioned that there was quite a bit of money left in the budget. The Commission identified a number of items that should be funded before the end of the year:

- Draft and print a Battle of the Clouds Brochure (Ben and Chris will work on this, and hope to provide a draft by the November Meeting)
- Re-do the signs at the Black Smith Shop and Plank house (all members are to look at the signs and offer ideas for improvement at the November meeting. Kathryn will talk to Mark Gordon to see if there are restrictions on what we can do).
- Purchase the materials to construct pegs and poles for the period fly that Doloris is making
- Have the township install exterior lighting for the display and security of the Plank House

9. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

None

10. LIAISON REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Sue moved to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Reardon
Vice Chairman, Historical Commission