

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2012**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Ellen Carmody, Vice Chairmen Ben Rohrbeck and Chris Reardon, Kathryn Yahraes, Judy Schafer, Monica Close, Sue Ciorletti and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Erich Meyer and Dolores Higgins.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. MINUTES

A. The Chairman noted that the minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Ellen announced that she has been reappointed to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors.

B. Activity Calendar – Kathryn distributed the 2012 calendar. Chris mentioned that there may be another Day of the Soldier at Paoli Battlefield in May or June. Also Oct 13th will be the Illumination at Paoli Battlefield. Kathryn mentioned there will be a workshop on Preserving PA in Media, Feb. 11, 2012 from 9 am to 12 noon at the government center building. The bad weather date is Feb. 25, 2012. It is free and will cover strategies to preserve historic resources.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Monica presented the Treasurers Report. Book sales totaled \$575. Monica will turn in the receipts for the toys that Judy purchased.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Dolores asked how the items will be purchased from the Questers. Ellen explained that the Questers will give the money to the Historical Commission who then has 1 year to make the purchases.

B. Ellen showed everyone the box loom that was purchased by the Historical Commission from the Peter Wentz museum shop. Dolores suggested putting an ID tag on it.

C. Ellen contacted Mike at Newcastle and the leather making bench is ready to be picked up next week. Ben and Judy volunteered to go with Ellen to pick up the bench.

D. New doors for the Blacksmith Shop have been put together and will be installed in the Spring.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Brochure for the Battle of the Clouds – Kathryn contacted Ann about using her illustration on this brochure. Judy needs to have the Garden brochure proof read.

B. Signs - The following were discussed:

1. Ben has the case for the pedestal sign.

2. The sign on the Blacksmith shop – the thought is to put a bigger East Goshen Twp. Logo on the side of the sign facing the street. Historic Goshenville would be put on the back with some dates about the Blacksmith shop.

3. The sign facing Boot Road will come inside the fence between the parking lot and the fence. Text on it will describe the Plank House.
 4. Ben has the podium sign. It should be put south of the fence around by the side of the Plank House facing the parking lot. Posts may have to be replaced. Chris suggested trex wood posts.
 5. Things needed are costs, what can be reused, and how much text will fit on the sign.
 6. Ellen suggested putting stones around the base of the signs to protect them from the weedwackers.
 7. Dolores brought up having hooks on the bottom of the sign to put an open or closed sign. Ben said this came up before and it is against the twp. Ordinance.
 8. Kathryn will talk to Mark Gordon about the changes the Commission wants to make.
- C. Research – Ed started on the latest group of buildings and found only one item of significance. One of the homeowners' sons played 1 year for the Phillies. Ed has compiled some information on Dr. Ralph Mauriello's house and will give it to him in February.
- D. Kathryn gave out handouts from the ABC meeting this past Saturday. She congratulated Ellen on her excellent presentation. Sue liked that she had some of the clothing and the photo album there.
- E. Summer Camp – Frank Vattilano approached the Historical Commission about doing some projects with the children from his Summer Camp. Ellen's understanding is that there would be about 100 children and the Commission would do 3 projects over the course of the summer. At first the discussion was to put the children in groups of 10 and have 10 activities. This would take at least 10 volunteers on a weekday in the summer. Ben estimated it would take 2 hours if they only spend 10 minutes at each station which isn't very much time. Some suggestions for activities were:
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| At the Blacksmith shop- | try on clothes | At the Plank House - | Tour the kitchen |
| | Wheelwright demo | | Tour the tavern |
| | Build a fence demo | | Tape Loom demo |
| | Punch tin | | Lucet demo |
| | Long rifle demo | | |
- Dolores suggested taking some of the demonstrations over to the school and only have 5 demos at the historic area. Ellen will contact Frank and ask him to come to next month's meeting to discuss this.
- F. Plank House and Blacksmith Shop repairs were discussed. Chris feels a list should be made and they need to find out who can do the repairs. Ellen feels the Historical Commission should develop a maintenance schedule. Ben said Norm was supposed to do this.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A car crashed into the historic Bed and breakfast on Rt. 352. It needs an engineering inspection since the wall it hit is the basement wall.
- B. Advertising for Living History Day -
 1. January 21, 2012 at 9 am there will be a meeting with the volunteers to plan for Living History Day.
 2. Sue feels there are lots of stores, banks, WAWAs, ACAC etc that have bulletin boards for flyers.
 3. Newsletter article and constant contact
 4. Free community paper
 5. Patches – Ellen has access.

6. Street sign like the farmers market uses. Need to put a sign at Paoli Pk. and Boot Rd. Dolores feels a sign should be put at West Chester Pk. and Rt. 352.
7. Sue will go to the farmers market to hand out flyers. Dolores feels an article needs to be designed so everything is consistent. Also, Dolores feels a decision needs to be made as to when they will be at the farmers market, how long and in costume or not.
8. Kathy Martinides will set up a Flickr account and put a slide show of pictures on it.
9. Chris suggested a Facebook account.
- C. Spring Garden and Recipe Book – Judy reported that in early Spring they will start to work on the garden.
- D. Kathryn reported that 3 historic buildings in East Goshen are for sale:
 1. Grace Estate – 11 acres, \$1.850 Million
 2. Fryberger House – 1732 N. Chester Rd., \$359,000, part is original, there is a large addition on the back.
 3. 338 N. Chester Road.

The Commission discussed the collapsing barn on Strasburg Road.
- E. Kathryn gave out information on a series of lectures that are on CD/DVDs. She feels the History of the United States and The American Civil War sets would be good to have. She made a motion to purchase the two sets of CD/DVDs for a total of \$165.00. Ben seconded the motion. Chris feels that this information can be accessed for free on the internet. The vote was 3 yes and 4 no. The motion did not pass.
- E. New officers for 2012 were discussed. Chris is willing to take on the position of Chairman (point person) as long as the other members take on more responsibilities. Ben and Ellen will be co-Vice Chairmen and Monica will continue as Treasurer. Kathryn nominated the slate of officers. Sue seconded the nomination. The nomination passed.
- F. Liaisons will be:
 1. Board of Supervisors – Kathryn
 2. Park & Recreation – Sue & Ben

The Conservancy Board and Community Development Committee will not have coverage. Kathryn suggested that all commission members check the agendas and minutes of the other ABCs so they know what is going on in the Township.

9. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

None

10. LIAISON REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. A letter was sent from the township to residents regarding the proposed cell tower. The Historic Commission has always opposed this.
- B. The Commission received a thank you letter from Crossroads Hospice of Philadelphia for the \$50 donation in memory of Mae Schmitt.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Erich explained that the Community Development Committee (CDC) was formed to work more closely with the business community in East Goshen.
- B. Chris thanked Ellen for her work as Chairman this past year.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary