

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2012**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Vice Chairmen Ben Rohrbeck and Ellen Carmody, Kathryn Yahraes, Judy Schafer, Sue Ciorletti and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation; Heidi Karpa, Dolores Higgins and Erich Meyer.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chris 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. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Frank Vattilano explained that he was thinking of expanding his summer camp from a half day to a full day camp. However, the responses to his survey showed that the people who use this camp prefer a half day. Originally, he was looking for events to fill the afternoon but now he would like to use the Historical Commission's resources for a history day. He is asking for just one morning the end of July or 1st week in August. Ben explained some of the events they had for children in the past and he can have 10 people at a time in the blacksmith shop. Dolores said 6 at a time in the Plank House is better. It was suggested that the children be divided into 3 groups, 1 group for each hour in the morning, and they will be put into smaller groups at the historic area. Everyone agreed to do this. The Commission will select a date and work on a plan and get it to Frank.

- B. Heidi Karpa met with Ellen and Kathryn to work on ways to expand the Commission's communication by using some form(s) of social media. She wants to start on a small project to be sure of what the Commission likes. There are all kinds of websites that can be linked. She doesn't want to overwhelm anyone. Dolores feels this is a long-term project and is more concerned about getting something on the Township website about Living History Day now. Chris asked if there are any rules regarding government entities. Heidi knows that there are some townships that have media guidelines that can be downloaded. She asked everyone to select 3 things they want added to the website. Also give her 2-3 resources related to history.

4. MINUTES

- A. The Chairman noted that the minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting were approved.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Activity Calendar – The calendar was reviewed and some changes were made.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. The Commission reviewed the financial reports. Chris feels the operating budget is about \$3,000. It was decided that, when the plan for the signs is complete, Chris will contact Rick Smith to find out when they can present it to the Board of Supervisors. Since this is a capital expense, it should not come out of the Historical Commission's budget. Dolores explained that the remaining funds from a donation to a previous 501c3 are designated for the Plank House only.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Brochure for the Battle of the Clouds – Ben drew a new map and Kathryn noted some additional changes to be made on the brochure. Dolores distributed samples of the brochure on different types of paper for the Commission to select from. She used the Baskerville font which is considered historic. She verified that Ben's new map will have to be put in sideways and the disclaimer at the bottom will indicate to people that it has to be turned to read it. It was decided to use white linen 60 lb paper. It seems to stand up as well as cardstock and is less expensive than cardstock. Dolores will get pricing from several printers in the area for 1,000 copies of the white linen and white cardstock. Chris thanked Dolores, Ben and Kathryn for all the work they have done on this brochure.
- B. Signs – Judy distributed updated renderings of the proposed signs with the changes that were discussed last month. She noted that the logo will not be put on the 2 smaller signs. The Township will pay the \$150 fee for the work that needed to be done on the logo to get it ready to put on the sign. Everyone was very pleased with the signs. Judy wants them installed May 1st.
Ellen mentioned that the Conservancy Board has replaced their sign and it looks good.
- C. Research – Ed distributed copies of his latest research. He still has to get family history for 1331 E Strasburg Rd. He will start the next group of properties.
- D. Advertising for Living History Day - Ellen reported that John Sharock will do a coffee demonstration for Living History Day. He will also donate 2 posters. Ellen reported that the cost for laminated posters, 24" x 36" from Staples is \$41.99 + \$12 for the laminating. Also, Staples has the best prices for banners and they have a lot of artwork to select from. Ellen reported that they did the filming at Hersheys Mill this morning. The commission needs to provide Hersheys Mill with a photo for their magazine.
- E. Questors Grant – Chris received a letter from the Questors stating that they would like to provide \$150 to \$400 for a grant. He will follow up.
- F. Plank House Garden – Kathryn distributed a copy of the brochure. Everyone liked it
The recipe book is not complete yet.
- G. Lighting at the Plank House is done. Dolores mentioned that the lights on the Blacksmith Shop may be out for a while because they have to replace a fixture.
Plank House and Blacksmith Shop repairs – Judy brought up the screening for the A/C unit. Kathryn described the idea they are working on with Mark Miller. Everyone agreed to do this. Also, Kathryn has a list of repairs and will follow up on getting the work done.
- H. Benches – Chris reported that the benches are being built. The wood is ash which doesn't weather well so it will have to be coated.
- I. Volunteers – A meeting will be set for a Sunday to get the volunteers ready for the summer
- J. Other Old Business –

1. Kathryn sent sympathy cards on behalf of the Commission to the families of Earl Reese and Sharon Morrissey.
2. Dolores has an obit for Mrs. Grace which mentions some of the events that occurred at the Grace Estate.
3. National History Day was this past Sunday March 4th. Chris, Ellen, Dolores and Kathryn participated.

9. NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

- A. Chris reported that the Board of Supervisors wants to create a seminar to train ABC members on the workings of the Township and how to work together on projects. Thom Clapper and Chuck Proctor are in charge.
- B. Chris gave the hats and suspenders that he ordered to Dolores. The cost was \$69.00.
- C. The Board of Supervisors has ranked the Commission's Goals and Objectives for 2012. Chris reviewed the list and noted which items are already done.
- D. Other New Business –
 1. Kathryn mentioned that there is a seminar at Longwood Gardens on March 17th. Judy may attend too.
 2. Kathryn reported that a donation of a bowl and pitcher was received from Elaine Husted.
 3. Tobacco Plants – Ben will purchase 6 tobacco plants. He will put them in plastic containers so they can be bottom watered until they are ready to put in the ground. They do not like soggy ground. He wants to hang them in the Blacksmith Shop next winter. Tobacco was also used for medicinal purposes. If anyone else wants to take care of a plant, he will provide a copy of the instructions.

10. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

None

11. LIAISON REPORTS

None

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kathryn moved to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary