

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2012**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Vice Chair Ellen Carmody, Vice Chairman Ben Rohrbeck, Kathryn Yahraes, Monica Close, Judy Schafer, and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Dolores Higgins and Jon Altshul, Township CFO.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. SPECIAL MEETING

Jon Altshul, the new Township CFO, introduced himself and gave a summary of his background. He reviewed the Budget and Expense Reports and asked for comments. Ellen commented that there are some funds from the past that have not been accounted for ie, 501c3 (Plank House), and book sales. Monica will provide a list of these funds for Jon. Also Monica would like a year-to-date report instead of a monthly report. Judy said she was very grateful to the Board of Supervisors for paying for the new signs in the historic area.

4. MINUTES

A. The Vice Chairman noted that the minutes of the April 12, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

6. TREASURER’S REPORT

None

7. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Brochure for the Battle of the Clouds – Dolores reported that it is at Staples and will be ready by June 2. Ellen mentioned that East Whiteland called to say that they have a brochure too. However, East Goshen’s is a “call for papers”.
- B. Signs – Judy received the spacers for the words on the sign. Ben will help her fix the wording on the new signs. Judy sent a “Thank You” note to Mark Miller.
- C. Research – Ed mentioned that he was doing research on 1601 Glenmont at the Historical Society in West Chester. Diane told him that someone else was asking for information on the same property and she thought it was an owner. The Commission discussed ways to let residents know that the Historical Commission has lots of information on the historic properties in the township. Some ideas were – the website, the newsletter, and work with Real Estate agents for prospective owners. It was suggested that the Historic Commission sponsor a seminar to teach residents how to get information on a historic property. For the celebration in 2017, Ed suggested that the Historic Commission have a

road tour of the historic buildings in East Goshen. The owners would have to agree to allow their homes to be on the tour.

- E. Living History Day – Ellen and Kathryn have a list of locations and are getting permission to distribute the flyers. Ben gave out flyers at Historic Sugartown Day. Judy gave some out at the Malvern Blooms event. Ben reviewed who will be working in the Blacksmith Shop. Other areas were reviewed for staffing, costumes and props. Ben said the tobacco plants should arrive at the end of May. Dolores reviewed the activities in the Plank House tavern. She was able to find a wooden box with a lid. Ellen sent a Thank You letter to the group who donated the leather-working bench. It was decided to have cleaning day on Wednesday May 16 at 3 pm. Start to set up on June 2 will be at 8:30 am.
- F. Other Old Business –
 - 1. Porta-Pottie – It will cost \$150 plus delivery and pickup making the total probably \$250. The Commission decided it is not a necessity. They will discuss this again next year.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Questors – Adele said the donation must go through the 501c3. Adele is getting the necessary paperwork to give to the 501c3 which will take a while.
- B. Social Media – No report.
- D. Other New Business –
 - 1. Town Tours & Village Walks – Kathryn reviewed some of the events. She wrote an article for the Newsletter listing the locations. She feels the Commission should select a date for 2013 now. She suggested the last Thursday in July 25th, or 3rd Thursday in August 15th.
 - 2. June Meeting - The Commission decided to cancel their June meeting since it is the same night as the kickoff for the Town Tours & Village Walk.
 - 3. Goshen Meadows – The Commission reviewed the plans for the Smith property that Goshen Meadows is proposing to develop. Monica explained the plans to everyone. Goshen Meadows has agreed to have another Historic Resource Impact Study done. The last one was done in 2005. The Commission selected Thursday June 21 for a workshop to meet with representatives from Goshen Meadows.

10. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

None

11. LIAISON REPORTS

None

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary