

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, July 12, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. A special meeting with our new Township CFO, Jon Altshul, on Financial Reports**
- 4. Bryan Del Monte – Discussion on planting an American Chestnut Tree at the BSS**
- 5. MINUTES – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**
- 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - A. Activity Calendar – Additions and Changes**
- 7. TREASURER’S REPORT**
- 7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Family Research for Historical Resources– (Ed)**
  - B. Spring Garden/ recipe book (Kathryn)**
  - C. Support program for Parks & Rec. (Chris)**
  - D. ‘Thank you’ for Benches/Water Trough at the BSS (Chris)**
  - E. Facebook and other Social Media (Kathryn)**
  - F. Other Old Business (all)**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Presentation for Questers (Ellen)**
  - B. Completion of BSS/Plank House inventory**
  - C. Other New Business (all)**
- 10. SUB-DIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**
- 11. LIAISON REPORTS**
- 12. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 13. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

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**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 25<sup>th</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in August 15<sup>th</sup>.
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

1   **14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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5   Respectfully submitted

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8   Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary  
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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 21, 2012**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Vice Chairmen Ellen Carmody and Ben Rohrbeck, members Kathryn Yahraes, Monica Close, Judy Schafer, and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Dolores Higgins, Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer, Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission, and David Polatnick, Architect for Goshen Meadows.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mark explained that the applicant, Goshen Meadows, is seeking Conditional Use to build 5 new apartment buildings on the Smith property as part of the Goshen Meadows apartment complex. They have been working on this plan for over a year. It needs no variances or waivers. Mr. Polatnick is here to discuss the Historic Resource Impact Study update. This new study is an update to the previous study done in 2005, which the Township Solicitor has said is appropriate.

David pointed out the area to be developed with the historic house in the center. The house needs a lot of repairs. The plan is to put 4 apartments in the house and maybe a fitness room for the residents. They will repurpose the building. David worked with Tim Noble who does a lot of his renovations. Tim recommended moving the parking from the front of the house to behind it. He also recommended putting landscaping around the house so there is green all around it.

Chris mentioned that the surround porch is an important part of a house of this era. David assured the Commission that the porch will stay. All other out buildings will be removed. The spring house/root cellar is not repairable. The attached garage will remain.

David said the owner is thinking of putting a small museum in the fitness area using old pictures of the house.

David showed renderings of the new buildings with a mansard roof or a peaked roof. They will incorporate stone at the base of the buildings. The Commission members preferred the mansard roof. Kathryn mentioned that this is the only house of this style in East Goshen. She agrees that having the previous study supplemented by this study is okay. However, she feels the update should be more specific with a comparison of the condition of the house 7 years ago vs today.

Chris pointed out that the original report discussed the impact on the Matlack House but isn't mentioned in the update. Ben commented that the previous plan was for townhouses that were very close to the Matlack House. This plan has them further away. Mark will mention that the engineer should include the Matlack House on the plan and a tree/landscape buffer.

Commission members' comments:

Chris is very interested in seeing the final plan including landscaping.

Monica appreciates their plan and how they are keeping the house.

Ellen commented that in today's world demolition is the way to go so she thinks this is a good plan.

Ben feels the impact of the new plan is much less than the previous plan.

Kathryn thinks overall it is a good plan. She likes the plan for inside the house, with the staircase, etc.

Ellen asked if there are any historical artifacts found during the excavation, would they give them to the Historical Commission. David would not commit for the owner but Mark feels they may find some artifacts based on what the land was used for.

Chris's understanding is that the original Wise report is for historic information up to page 40. The Noble report will be used for the impact and mitigations replacing pages 41-49 of the Wise report. Mark reviewed how important Tom Smith was to the history of East Goshen Township. That history has not changed.

Dolores asked if they can repurpose things such as stone, wood, etc. from the structures being removed. David said it is hard to plan because you don't know what you will find, but stone etc. could be used in landscape walls, etc.

The Commission discussed sending a letter to the Planning Commission including conditions such as:

- The Historical Commission is to be kept apprised of the restoration of the house.
- An expanded site plan to include the adjacent historic property will be available for review by the Historical Commission.
- The applicant shall implement the mitigations presented in the Noble report.

Monica made a motion to recommend to the Planning Commission that they approve the application through a letter to be developed by Mark Gordon including the conditions discussed by the Historical Commission. Ellen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris thanked David and Mark for attending the meeting.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Living History Day – Chris thanked everyone for the many hours of planning, making displays, sewing, participating, etc. Expenses are just coming in and there were some donations. Ellen is working on a report and mentioned that there is \$325 in donations so far. Dolores would like to start planning next year's event. She suggested having a workshop only for planning events. Judy suggested taking the report that Ellen is preparing, pick the things that were successful and build on them.
- B. Dark Valley Questors – Ellen got a message that they want to come to the Plank House on Wed., Sept. 19, 2012 at 10:30 am.
- C. "Images of America" book – Kathryn will research where the Historical Commission stands with the agreement they had with the Board of Supervisors.
- D. Judy brought up the Township Summer Camp. Chris has not heard anything more from Frank Vattilano about doing a program for the Summer Camp.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

# EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AS OF 070212

## JANUARY 2012

7 (Sat) EGT Annual Planning Session 7:45 am  
12 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
21 LHD planning Session (at BSS) 9:00 am

## FEBRUARY 2012

1 (Wed) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 4/1]  
9 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
11 (Sat) Preserving PA Wkshp 9:30-11:30 in Media  
(snow date 2/25)  
18 (Sat) Nat'l History Day – Judge's Orientation–9:30-11:30 am  
25 (Sat) Nat'l History Day – Judge's Orientation 3-5:30 pm  
(alternate date)

## MARCH 2012

3 (Sat) Nat'l History Day Competition Judging –  
8:00 am – 1:00 pm -- Immaculata University  
3 ((Sat) Box Loom Demo – Peter Wentz Homestead  
7 (Wed) Cap & Bonnet Workshop 10-12 Blacksmith Shop  
8 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
11 (Sun) Charter Day – Brandywine Battlefield – 12-4pm  
FREE  
11 (Sun) Charter Day – any PHMC site – 12-4:00 pm – FREE  
17 (Sat) CCHPN Conference 8:00 am– 2:00 pm  
31 (Sat) Annual Egg Hunt 10:00 am– 12:00 noon (RAIN DATE 4/1)  
TBA (Sun) Plank House Vol Orientation/Meeting – 1:00 pm

## APRIL 2012

12 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
14 (Sat) Keep EGT Beautiful Day 8:30 am – Noon  
15 (Sun) 97<sup>th</sup> Re-enactors Living History – Thornbury Park 10-4  
21 (Sat) Historic Sugartown Day – 10 am – 4 pm  
29 (Sun) LHD Meeting 12-2 at the BSS  
24 (Tues) Primary Election Day  
28 (Sat) Sheep to Shawl @ Colonial Plantation  
TBA (Sat) CCHS Reception for NHD 10:00 am - CCHS

## MAY 2012

2 (Wed) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 7/1]  
5 (Sat) EGT Yard Sale 9-1 (rain Date 5/6)  
10 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
19 (Sat) Plank House opens for the season – Saturdays 10am–4pm  
TBA (Sat) ABCs Meeting – 8:30-11 am

## JUNE 2012

2 (Sat) Living History Day - Plank House 11 a.m.- 4 :00 pm  
3 (Sun) Marshallton Blacksmith Shop – 2-4  
13 (Wed) Fugett Awards Assembly 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8:30 am  
14 (Thurs) Kickoff for Village Walks and Town Tours  
21 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
23 (Sat) Community Day and Fireworks -- 4 to dark  
(6/24 is Rain Date)

27 (Wed) CCHPN Meeting and Volunteer Recognition 5:00: pm

## JULY 2012

TBA (Fri) -- Goshen Friends Camp at PH/BSS – 1-3 pm  
4 (Wed) Constitution Center July 4 Celebration  
12 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
30-31 (Mon-Tue) Goshen Fair – evening

## AUGUST 2012

1-4 (Wed-Sat) Goshen Fair – evening  
1 (Wed) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 10/1]  
9 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm

## SEPTEMBER 2012

8-9 (Sat/Sun) Chadds Ford Days – 10 am to 5:00 pm  
11 (Tue) Brandywine Battlefield Commemoration Ceremony 6pm  
13 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
20 (Thurs) Chester County Day Slide Presentation - 7:00 pm  
TBA (Sat) Harvest Festival – EGT Park 10:00 am –4:00 pm  
TBA Dedication & Tour EGT RCSTP

## OCTOBER 2012

6 (Sat) Chester County Day  
11 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
13 (Sat) Illumination at Paoli Battlefield – 5:30-9:30 pm  
14 (Sun) Chili Cook-Off 12-3 pm in West Chester  
20 (Sat) Plank House closes for the season  
27 (Sat) Marshallton Day – Blacksmith Shop – 5-8pm  
27 (Sat) Brandywine Battlefield – Halloween Eve - 6-8pm  
TBA Fall Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Day  
TBA (Sat) CCHPN Program -

## NOVEMBER 2012

6 (Tues) Election Day  
7 (Wed) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 1/1]  
8 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
17 (Sat) Neighbor-to-Neighbor Day  
24 (Sat) Brandywine Battlefield – Patriots Day – 10am – 4pm)

## DECEMBER 2012

1 (Sat) EGT Neighbor-To-Neighbor Day – 9:00 am to Noon  
13 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm  
TBA EGT Volunteer TY & Holiday Party 6-9 pm