

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 12, 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, Sue Ciorletti and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Dolores Higgins and Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. SPECIAL MEETING

Jon Altshul, Township CFO, has been working on a budget report. He needs by August 20, 2012, 2012 year-end projections and a proposed budget for 2013. The final proposed budget for 2013 has to be presented to the Board of Supervisors in November 2012. Jon suggested for performance measures to combine what the Commission wants to do with what they need to accomplish, i.e. to hold 2 events, what is needed for those events.

Kathryn brought up the history books. The Commission's understanding of the agreement was that Arcadia provides the template at no cost to the author. The book must be sold for \$21.95 and the Commission was told to charge sales tax, so the books were sold for \$23. The minimum order was 400 copies at \$11 each. The Board of Supervisors agreed to pay for the printing. When the sale of the books reached \$4,400, then the rest of the sales would come to the Historical Commission which would be used for educational programs. No one seems to know how much the Historical Commission has from the sales or about any royalties. Jon verified that the Township, not the author, received 1 royalty check for \$54.60 in September 2010.

For donations, Jon suggested for 2013, they take the projected revenue and put it in an expense for the end of the year report. The township does not carry over any remaining funds to the next year.

Regarding expenses, Judy mentioned the repairs that need to be done to the Plank House and Blacksmith Shop. Jon explained that these would be capital expenses and the responsibility of Public Works. Chris will contact Mark Miller.

Kathryn asked about the status of the 501c3 committee, since the Commission has two groups who want to make donations through a 501c3 for the tax credit. Jon answered that it was dissolving.

Chris will set up next month's agenda to work on the 2013 budget.

- 4. AMERICAN CHESTNUT TREE** - Chris explained that a while ago Ben requested a tree at the Blacksmith Shop but was told it is too wet there. Bryan DelMonte has purchased, through a program with American Chestnut Cooperators Foundation, seedlings which he has planted. He has to give the group an annual report.

5. MINUTES

Chris noted that the minutes of the May 10, 2012 and June 21, 2012 meetings were approved.

6. ACTIVITY CALENDAR

The calendar was reviewed. On September 15 & 16, 2012, the Philadelphia 1777 Campaign will be held in Delaware again. The Historical Commission has received approval to participate as they did last year.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Monica reported that there were no changes for June.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Grant – Chris reported that Chester County has received a grant for the Battle of the Clouds. This is the 5th grant that Chester County has received. This will be a County project along with East and West Whiteland and possibly Tredyffrin. The grant is for \$58,000.00. Chris wants to anticipate any expenses that may be incurred next year for this. When Sean is done with the electronic map, it can be put on the Historical Commission's facebook page.
- B. Historic Research – Ed passed around copies of the 8 locations he was working on. A few years ago he started to think about the people who lived in the houses and the fact that there isn't much information about them. Ed started to write his own history and encouraged others to do the same.
- C. Kathryn gave out copies of the Chester County Preservation Fair 2012 Directory.
- D. Kathryn reported that the Historical Commission had a table at the East Goshen Community Day and some people did stop to talk.
- E. It was decided to have a Living History Day planning meeting on Wednesday August 8, 2012 at the Blacksmith Shop at 6:30 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary