

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody, Monica Close, Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, Sue Ciorletti, and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission, and Ben Rohrbeck and Bill Egan, residents.

**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

*BOS – Board of Supervisors*

*BSS – Blacksmith Shop*

*CCHS – Chester County Historic Society*

*CCHPN – Chester County Historical Preservation Network*

*DAR – Daughters of the American Revolution*

*HRIS – Historical Resource Impact Study*

*LHD – Living History Day*

*NHD – National History Day*

*NR – National Register of Historic Places*

*PHMC – PA Historical Museum Commission*

*SAR – Sons of the American Revolution*

*TTVW – Town Tours & Village Walks*

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chris led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Chris asked for a moment of silence for our troops.

**MINUTES**

The Chairman noted that the minutes of December 13, 2012 were approved as corrected.

**ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

A. Kathryn started to set up the 2013 calendar. She kept some events from 2012 on the calendar and marked the dates TBA. Two dates were given to her – 3/10 Charter Day and 4/27 Historic Sugartown Day.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. Monica distributed the latest report. Ellen submitted two invoices which were just approved by the BOS. Chris will invite Jon Altshul to the March meeting.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

A. Ben reported that he just repaired the blower in the BSS. He is concerned that it may have been over used on Living History Day. One of the student volunteers sent Ben an email requesting more training. Ben reminded everyone that a trained adult must be with juveniles when using the BSS.

B. Chris mentioned that one of the student volunteers is starting a business making jewelry and tomahawks and would like to sell them in the BSS. The Commission members agreed not to allow selling of merchandise in the Historic area.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Miscellaneous Historic Research – Ed distributed information about properties on Hershey Mill Road (1010, 1013 & 1030). He is researching properties on West Chester Pike (1337, 1339 & 1344). Karen Marshall will attend the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss properties that were here during the Battle of the Clouds.

B. Events – Living History Day - Ellen distributed a layout for Living History Day showing some changes, which she reviewed. First, there will be no hot air balloon. Mike does have some photos of the original “The Atlantic” hot air balloon and some artifacts from it.

Second, Mike wants to put the telegraph in the Plank House. There will be a tent outside for Mike’s photography and the hot air balloon artifacts. During set up, people can drive into the parking lot to drop off supplies. However, when the event starts, cones will be placed across the entrance.

Lincoln was discussed. Monica mentioned that as part of the events for the West Chester Christmas Parade, they had people read the Gettysburg Address in front of the Lincoln Building. This is something people could participate in. Chris asked the members to bring their ideas about Lincoln to the next meeting.

Town Tour – This will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> and they will repeat most of Living History Day. January Volunteer Meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kathryn will start to make contact with opportunities for advertising.

C. Museum Archive Program – Chris commented that this computer program did not work well for the Commission, so it was returned and Chris designed a spreadsheet. He distributed a copy and explained what was on it, where the information will come from and how Commission members will be able to access it.

Ellen mentioned that the Commission needs to start using a form for donations listing the item being donated, the donor and that the donor is relinquishing ownership of the item. This would help with maintaining the database.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2013 Goals – Chris distributed a copy of the report he will present this Saturday, January 12, 2013 at the Annual ABC meeting. The time has been changed to start at 9 am. The HC will be second on the agenda.

#### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

A. Judy read in the Conservancy Board minutes that they plan to put dogwood trees along E. Boot Road. Erich explained that they will be between the road and the walkway behind the PH.

B. Kathryn mentioned that the Tiger Cubs meeting was postponed. Ben said the work is not finished in the BSS. Kathryn will check with Mark Miller.

Kathryn reviewed some events that are being held in January. Everyone received an invitation to a reception for the new director of Historic Sugartown on 1/22/13 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

So far Kathryn will be the only one judging at National History Day in March.

Kathryn mentioned that there will be a tribute to Jane Davidson in The Ledger in April.

C. 1631 E Strasburg Rd – Kathryn reported that Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer, wrote a letter to the owner, who wants to demolish this historic resource, informing them that they can’t just demolish a historic building, and outlining what they will have to do if they want to demolish it. As far as she knows, there has been no response from the owner.

#### **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation Commission – Erich reported that the Winter Farmers Market started on Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Public Works Building, 3:30 – 6:00 pm and will be held every other Thursday.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Bill Egan was doing research on his family heritage and came across J. Henderson Talley, Esq. who lived in East Goshen in 1861. He wants to get more information. Ed recommended going to the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester and the Mormon genealogy website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary