

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Monica Close, Kathryn Yahraes, Sue Ciorletti, William Schultz and non-voting member Ed Lendrat.

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 and the people who are stranded on a cruise ship.

MINUTES

The Chairman noted that the minutes of January 10, 2013 were approved.

NEW MEMBER

Chris introduced the Commission's new member Bill Schultz. Chris asked each member to introduce themselves to Bill and tell a little about them. Then Bill told the group that he has always had an interest in history. He collects post cards and stamps and has written many articles.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Kathryn commented that Community Day on Sat. June 22, 2013 was added to the calendar.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monica had no updates to give.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Chris reported that he received a call from a Cub Scout leader, but hasn't spoken to her yet.
- B. Chris met with Mark Miller and Christopher Cummings and his father on Monday. They walked the area where the podium sign will be installed. Christopher will probably do the project in June. The sign will be located by the fence at the Plank House on the garden side facing the boardwalk. It will be stained to match the fence.
- C. Clymer's Woods – Dolores told Chris that the sign has been installed. Chris worked with Ginnie Newlin of the Conservancy Board on the information to go on the sign. One side describes the work of the Conservancy Board in creating a new woodland and the other is a short biography about George Clymer.

D. Chris reported that he inspected the Blacksmith Shop and the Plank House on Monday. The contractor who is repairing the windows is doing a good job of reusing the original glass panels in the new frames. All of the window sills have been restrained and anchored so they don't move. There is a leak by the sliding door that needs to be fixed. Kathryn can start to schedule the Tiger Cubs meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Miscellaneous Historic Research – Ed mentioned that he had a computer failure and has to replace the software he uses for his research projects. All of the members agreed that the HC will reimburse him for the cost which will be \$69.95. Ed distributed information about the following properties: 1785 E Strasburg Rd., 1725 Towne Dr., 1337 West Chester Pk., 41 Sherman Dr., and 1030 King Road. Karen Marshall will attend the March 14th meeting to discuss properties that were here during the Battle of the Clouds.

B. Events – Living History Day – Kathryn reported that the luncheon for Living History Day will be in the meeting room at the Blacksmith Shop. Ham sandwiches will be served. Donors will be solicited. Judy is getting the corn husks for the dolls. Susan Mahoney will confirm with Dan Cashin if he will help with the telegram display. Teen volunteers will be rotated around the site during the day. Items for sale will be coffee, books, mugs, and lucets. The weapons firings will be at 11:30, 1:00 and 3:00. There will be a handout explaining the different displays. The next planning meeting for LHD will be next Wed. Feb. 20th at 6:30 pm at the Township Building.

Town Tours and Village Walks on July 25 – Most of the LHD displays will be here. There will be a handout. The volunteers will take people in small groups around the site. They are considering having these guides take the persona of a newspaper reporter.

National History Day orientation for judges will be held this Sat. 2/16 in the morning. Bill volunteered to attend. National History Day will be held on Sat. 2/23 at Immaculata University.

On March 9, 2013 the Chester County Historic Society will hold their annual community event at the Brandywine River Museum. Kathryn and Ellen will do a presentation on “Making Your Community’s History Come Alive” which gives tips on how to include people in your historic events. The HC will pay for members to attend. There are 4 spaces available. If you are interested, contact Kathryn. March 23 there is a mythbusters workshop.

C. Jane Davidson Donation – A memorial donation will be made by the members of the HC. If you want to donate please see Kathryn.

- D. Focus Project Assignments – The following projects were discussed and leaders assigned to some:
1. Set up HC information pages on the township website and create social media pages for the HC. Leader – Chris; assist from Kathryn.
 2. National History Day at Immaculata - Leader – Bill; assist from Kathryn
 3. Create “mini events” for the summer Saturday openings of the Plank House and BSS – To be discussed further.
 4. Battle of the Clouds state funded project – Leader – Monica; assist from entire HC.
 5. Living History Day Sat June 1st – Leaders Ellen & Kathryn; assist from entire HC.
 6. Town Tours and Village Walks, July 25th – Leaders Kathryn & Ellen; assist from entire HC
 7. Complete entry of items in the Plank House and BSS into the township’s archival database – Leader Ellen; assist from Sue and Monica.
 8. Update historic presentations on the walls of the BSS meeting room – Leaders Judy & Ellen; assist from Dolores
 9. In August 2013 return furnishings, presentation programs and costumes back to the Revolutionary Era – Leader – Chris; assist from BSS – Chris & Ben; Plank House – Sue, Monica, Ed
 10. Install new podium sign for advertising special programs and events in Historic Goshenville – Leader Chris

11. Township Comprehensive Plan – The Township is organizing a task force to review and update the Comprehensive Plan. Each ABC must assign 1 regular member and 1 alternate member. The first meeting will be Mon. Feb. 25th at 7:00 pm at the Township Building. Future meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of each month for about 18 months. This will become a regular agenda item each month. The HC will be represented by Kathryn and the alternate will be Monica.

E. Goals for 2013 – Chris distributed a letter from Rick Smith, which stated that the Board of Supervisors prioritized the Historic Commission’s goals for 2013. The Board of Supervisors feels that some of the goals the ABCs listed were actually objectives. Rick also provided copies of the “Action Plan” from the Township’s Comprehensive Plan. The BOS wants the Board members to go through and identify goals that were assigned to the Historic Commission, focusing on the high priority items and give a time frame for completion. Kathryn asked the Board members to read the plan and be ready to discuss goals at the next meeting. Kathryn mentioned that the BOS wants a quarterly progress report on the goals.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Newsletter article – Kathryn will provide information about Living History Day and Town Tours and Village Walks.

B. Chris reported that the BOS wants to start a 501c3. He received a form from Thom Clapper on which he has to list the things the HC does. Chris reviewed the list and will send the form back to Thom.

C. 1631 Strasburg Road – Chris distributed a memo from Mark Gordon and copies of photos. The house is on the Historic Resource list and is in bad condition. The owner wants to demolish it. Chris will contact Mark to set up a meeting to discuss this. He will email the date and time so another member can go with him. Monica will recuse herself from this item. Kathryn voiced concern about what will replace this house.

ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Kathryn commented that the Commission members used to have a binder that contained the historic resource list, historic preservation ordinance, maps, etc. She will get her binder and see about getting copies for those who don’t have one.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary