

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 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, Judy Schafer, Ellen Carmody, and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Others present: Ben Rohrbeck, Jim Renehan, Mike McDade (realtor for Mr. Renehan), Seth Hinshaw, Bob Wise, and Diane Casper.

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 February 14, 2013 were approved as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Jim Renehan is a local custom builder. He and Ed McFalls discussed the preapproved plan for Sullivan's Grove on Greenhill Rd. Jim wants the development to be independent from Hershey's Mill Development. He would like to change the name of the development to AshleyBrooke Estates, after his daughters. Kathryn distributed a list of suggested historic Street & Development names. Mr. Sullivan was important to the development of Hershey's Mill. Because of the historic connection, Mr. Renehan would like to name the street in the development Sullivan Circle. Judy made a motion to send a letter to the Planning Commission approving the development name of AshleyBrooke Estates and the street name of Sullivan Circle. Kathryn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 1631 E. Strasburg Rd – Chris and Judy met with the new owner of this property. He wants to demolish the building and rebuild a house for his in-laws. He will build it in the proper place on the lot. It was built around 1829. He is going to have an open house for the neighbors and the HC members. If there is any wood or stone that anyone wants, he will save it for them. He is requesting that the property be removed from the Historic Resources list so he can demolish it. Chris explained that the HC will have a public hearing where he will present his case for having it removed from the list. Kathryn pointed out that the Historic Ordinance contains steps for removal from the list and demolition.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Seth Hinshaw and Bob Wise, historic preservationists working in Chester County, came to the meeting to discuss the Battle of the Clouds. Chris and Monica attended the first 2 meetings that were held regarding this project. Chris explained that the reason they were asked to come to this meeting is to be sure the Historical Commission is on the right path with its research. Ed gave a copy of his research on the 3 Tuns

Tavern to Seth and Bob. He explained the process he uses to determine ownership and date of construction of a building. Ed's research shows that some commonly accepted dates need to be corrected. Chris showed them the plotting Ed uses to tell where buildings were located. The HC wants to submit Ed's information. Seth and Bob feel Ed's research is valid and will be accepted by the County. The County doesn't have the time to do this type of research so they want to use the information that local researchers find. Seth suggested that Ed make a list for Karen so she can make changes to the map.

Public comment: Diane Casper is president of the Lockwood Chase Homeowners Association. In 1997 a Battle of the Clouds plaque was put in at the entrance to their development. She wants to be involved in the research of the Battle of the Clouds, especially since research is showing that the 3 Tuns Tavern wasn't built in 1777.

B. Comprehensive Plan Task Force – Kathryn reported that they will meet the 4th Monday of the month for about 18 months. The Brandywine Conservancy is doing a sustainability study for East Goshen so there will be no meeting in March. The HC will be the lead in 3 sections of the Comp Plan discussion.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Kathryn commented that Dan Cashin won't be able to come on LHD. Coffee is a maybe but they do have a surgeon, map maker, and advertising has started.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monica reported that Ed was reimbursed for the "Leaps & Bounds" software.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Sugartown – Chris met with Heather and they would like to partner with East Goshen by giving out flyers at each other's events. The commission members like this idea.

B. Plantation – The CPP wants to have an event in August. 1777 links areas locally.

ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Kathryn reported that she and Ellen did a presentation on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the CCHPN meeting. The topic was organizing events. Kathryn distributed a copy of the power point presentation they used.

B. Kathryn distributed a HC member list which she asked everyone to check, a Historic Resources list, which needs to be updated, and a copy of the 2013 Town Tours and Village Walks brochure.

C. Bill attended the National Historic Day at Immaculata University.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Board of Supervisors – Kathryn reported that the BOS has a resolution to establish the Friends of East Goshen. Frank Vattalino has resigned effective March 31, 2013. Westtown has established a Historic Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary