

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
April 11, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday April 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody, Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, Sue Ciorletti, William Schultz and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Ben Rohrbeck and Dolores Higgins, 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 7:00p.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 March 14, 2013 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Chairman noted in Monica's absence no activity to report.

**Announcements**

1. Addition of brown bag lunch talk at CCHS on Wed.4/24/13 at noon. Topic the Sanitary Commission and its local activities during the Civil War, presented by Dr. Flo Williams.
2. Bill Schultz reported on NHD, the day was longer than expected and the competition larger but the quality of the students' projects was impressive. He looks forward to assisting again next year.

**Chairman's Report**

1. Chris received word from Mark Gordon concerning the housing plan for Sullivan's Grove on Greenhill Rd. The builder would like to change the name of the development to AshleyBrooke Estates but keep the name of the street as Sullivan's circle. The Historic Commission approved this request.
2. The Thank you letter will go out to the Torriero Family for the donation of the wood/coal burning stove and the Grinding wheel. The letter will also note that future paper work will be provided when the township 501c3 has been officially set up. Chris noted that the committee working on the creation of the 501c3 is hopeful that this will occur by the end of 2013.

**Old Business**

1. Historic Resources Research- Ed Lendrat provided reports on 15 houses/properties to Karen Marshal at CCHS for the Battle of the Clouds project. This completes EG Historical Commissions part of this step on the grant project. Ed then presented research on 3 homes in the Rocky Hill Historic District: 1532 East Strasburg Rd, 1540 East Strasburg Rd and 338 North Chester Road. Questions are now open on exact dates of construction of these homes. Additional reports were provided for 56 Line Rd, 1707 Paoli Pike, 1325 Paoli Pike, 909 Saddlebrook Drive.
2. Ellen reported on research on the home we refer to as the Cornwallis House, 913 North Chester Rd. No pictures/renderings exist of the home prior to modern modifications so she was looking for an example of a similar house. The house is of German origin and she found many in the area that match the architectural style. The commission approved the use of the rendering with a disclaimer.

3. Post Offices in EG. Bill Schultz provided a report on the original 3 post offices that existed in EG. They were Cloud, Goshenville and Milltown. Bill provided detail on the history of them, their length of operation, the advent of stamps, their cost and the volume of mail that was moved. The Cloud PO existed in the area that we refer to today as Rocky Hill. The name is associated with the Cloud family that lived in the area.
4. The Archive program is to be the center of the commission's direction after the LHD event is complete.
5. The committee working on the new EG Comprehensive Plan did not meet in March, next meeting is scheduled for the 4th Monday in April (4/22).
6. LHD update- Discussion on the dates associated with reorganizing the Plank House and the Meeting Room for LHD. On Wed. evening May 15 we will be reorganizing the items in the PH and establishing the Tavern in the Meeting Rm. These areas will remain in the new configuration until after the July 25 TTVW. After completion of the TTVW we will be resetting the PH to the 1700's/Rev War Time period. The official opening of the Historic area for tours will be LHD June 1. This led to discussion of the volunteer schedule for the summer season. The hours of operation will be 10 - 4 and the guides will operate out of the Blacksmith shop. We will not open the PH for normal Sat operation until August. The Blacksmith shop will only have a fire lit when a Blacksmith is available. Ben has proposed the second Saturday of each month: June 8, July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14 and Oct 12. Ben and Chris will share this duty, Chris in the morning hours and Ben in the afternoon hours. The month of May will be used to train the volunteers on the Blacksmith shop. The plan was approved.

#### **New Business**

It was reported that several Historic homes have come up for sale: 514 Beaumont Circle, 1662 East Boot Road, 1676-80 East Boot Road (Clock Tower Farm), 907 Sorrell Hill Drive. Request to tour the homes prior to sale will be made. A proposal was made that the commission should plan a road trip through the township to acquaint all the members of the commission with the location and condition of the historic properties.

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ellen moved to adjourn the meeting. Sue seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dolores Higgins Resident