

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday June 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, Sue Ciorletti, William Schultz, Monica Close and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance was Dolores Higgins (resident), Ben Rohrbeck, (resident), Mark Gordon, (Township Zoning Officer), Jim & Maurie Falcone (residents), Christopher Cummings (Boy Scout).

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.

Chris announced a change in the order of the agenda.

Old Business

Goshen Meadows – David Polatnick, architect, and Scott Fagan, owner, were present. Chris verified that the Planning Commission recommended that the BOS approve this project. Chris reviewed the discussion from the Historic Commission's 12/13/12 meeting about the new structures which were going to blend in and accent the historic building. David verified that they are moving forward with most of the Condition 4 except 4D which is to use stucco, cornice, etc. to match the historic building. Their historic consultant, Tim Noble, told them that the National Park Service does not recommend this. They actually prefer that the new structures accent the historic building not match it. The 5 new buildings will have a total of 60 apartments. The historic building will have 2 apartments and the rental office for the community and a fitness room. They are still looking at colors of siding but it will probably be sage green. Chris commented that the letter from Tim Noble appears to be an opinion of an opinion. Scott mentioned that, at first they thought they would make the new structures the same as the historic but decided it would look better to accent it. Chris told them that he appreciates the time they have taken to preserve the historic house. Chris moved that the Commission accept the renderings of the new buildings and the applicant's testimony before us as satisfaction of condition 4D of the Conditional use approval, and recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Land Development Plan of Goshen Meadows L.P., dated October 17, 2012 and last revised on May 17, 2013. Monica seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Scout Project

Christopher Cummings distributed the proposed plan for the sign board at the Plank House, which will be the service project he needs in order to get Eagle Scout. The sign will be in front of the fence that goes around the Plank House. It will not be higher than the fence. It will be anchored in a rock bed so they won't have to mow around it. Dolores suggested putting metal around the bottom of the posts to prevent damage from weed wackers. Mr. Falcone described how to do this. Christopher will purchase the materials which he estimates at \$160 plus the cost of the new metal for the posts. His deadline for completion is July 23 so it will be installed for the Town Talks & Village Walks event on July 25th. The Commission will provide the paint. The Commission approved the project.

Christopher will be a high school senior in September and participated in the National History Day 2 years ago.

Volunteer Recognition

On behalf of the Historical Commission, Chris thanked Jim and Maurie Falcone for all of the help they have given to the Commission. Kathryn mentioned that it never occurred to her that they were moving to Florida permanently. Working with them has been rewarding. They always tried new things i.e. Betsy Ross stars, how to make ink, how to make ice cream etc. Maurie remembers when they first came to Living History Day to see what it was about. They saw the ink exhibit and, as chemists, had to research it. That was 10 years ago. She also mentioned that today is their 43rd Wedding Anniversary! Everyone congratulated them. Chris presented them with a certificate.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of May 9, 2013 were approved as corrected.

Announcements

The calendar of events was reviewed. Kathryn pointed out some additional dates that are highlighted. She asked those who are planning to attend the CCHPN meeting and Volunteer Recognition next Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at Historic Sugartown, let her know.

Treasurer's Report

Monica commented that she was given \$200 from the township for Living History Day expenses. She has to meet with Ellen to finalize the expenses and revenues for that event.

Chairman's Report

1. Chris acknowledged the letter from the Township regarding a request for subdivision of a property on Manley Road. This does not involve an historic resource.
2. Chris explained that the Advice received from the State clarifies which ABCs have to complete the financial forms required from volunteers. The Historical Commission members do not have to complete the forms.

Living History Day

Chris thanked everyone for all that they did to make this a successful event again this year. Judy mentioned that she was disappointed that some re-enactors that were anticipated to be there did not show up. Chris did find an email in the HCChair file from one who couldn't come. Chris feels it is important to get a commitment in writing. Kathryn and Ellen will send thank you notes to everyone. Kathryn mentioned the count of visitors was 367 by the clicker and with adjusting 425.

Judy mentioned that the tents need to be replaced. Two were broken. It isn't clear which tents belong to which ABC. The tents usually go on sale at the end of the summer. Ben suggested storing them in the attic of the Plank House.

Dolores feels strongly that the volunteers must come to a meeting before an event to pick up their costumes and get an understanding of what pieces belong together.

Miscellaneous Research

Ed distributed his research on 1337 West Chester Pike, 1600 Paoli Pike, and 1541 E Strasburg Road. 1600 Paoli Pike is the Garrett House which is occupied by the Chamber of Commerce now. It is sometimes referred to as 1615 Paoli Pike.

Battle of the Clouds – The consultants are reviewing all of the information they received. Ed will meet with Karen Marshall tomorrow. Ed read a note he received from Sean verifying that the information Ed has about several locations, is in fact correct.

Ed received an email from Dean Peirce, who grew up in East Goshen and now lives in Texas, with information about the properties and people who lived in the Hershey Mill area. He has deed information and photos which he will scan and email to Ed.

Events

1. Town Tours and Village Walks, Thursday, July 25th – Kathryn announced that there will be a planning meeting on Wed. June 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Township Building, main meeting room. She has contacted everyone and asked for definite commitments. She needs 12 people to be guides. So far, Dolores wants to have a sewing circle, Bill will have a post office, Chris will display weapons, Dave Kiefer will take pictures, Monica and Joe will be blacksmiths, telegraph will be there, and there may be a blue grass group.

Kathryn feels it might be nice to give the people attending the event something so they will want to come back, i.e., gingerbread, corn husk dolls, etc. Dolores commented that it costs \$15 a batch to make the gingerbread from scratch. The feeling of the commission members was that it would cost too much and they didn't feel it would make a difference.

2. Kathryn distributed the Saturday schedule for the summer for the Blacksmith shop and Plank house. If possible, there will be 2 shifts – 10 am to 12:30 pm and 12:30 to 3 pm. Please contact her if you can help fill one of the empty slots. She also distributed some notes for these tours.

2015 Comprehensive Plan

Monica and Kathryn distributed a packet containing the sections of the current 2005 Comp Plan that relate to historical resources. There are 4 sections: Chapter 1 – Policy Goals & Objectives

Chapter 5 – Historic & Cultural Resource Protection Plan

Chapter 10 – Action Plan

Appendix E – Historic & Cultural Resources Inventory

Everyone should read these sections and come to a special workshop meeting to give ideas and suggestions for the new plan. The workshop meeting will be held Wed. July 17. Kathryn will send out a reminder. Also, Monday July 22nd is the meeting designated by the Comp Plan Task Force to discuss historic and cultural resources, so Kathryn encouraged everyone to attend that meeting. She mentioned that there are 4 questions to be answered:

- Where is East Goshen now?
- Where are we going?
- Where do we want to be?
- How will we get there?

Historical Commission Office

Judy commented that the lock on the door to the HC office in the Township Building was broken and repaired. She is concerned about other people using the room. She would like to develop a plan where anyone who takes a file out of the office, has to sign it out and, possibly, copy it on the copier in the next room, and return the original to the file cabinet.

Post Office of the Month

Bill distributed information about the Wayne Tavern Post Office, from 1814 to 1819, first located in the Steamboat Hotel at the intersection of Rt. 352 and Rt. 30. The name was changed to Frazer Post Office in 1830. The packet contained examples of the postmarks and postage rates of that time.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary