

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday July 11, 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, Ellen Carmody and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance was Dolores Higgins (resident) and William Egan (resident).

COMMON ACRONYMS:

BOS – Board of Supervisors

BSS – Blacksmith Shop

CCHS – Chester County Historic Society

CCHPN – Chester County Historical Preservation Network

CPTF – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Task Force

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

SCA – Sustainable Communities Assessment

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

Ellen 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 June 13, 2013 were approved as corrected.

Announcements

The calendar of events was reviewed. Kathryn pointed out that three new items are highlighted as follows:

1. Wed, July 17, 6-9 pm – Workshop to discuss the Comp Plan. She passed around a menu from the Peppermill and asked everyone to select something for dinner. John Theilacker of the Brandywine Conservancy will be there to assist.

2. Chadds Ford Days, 9/7-8

3. Chester County Day slides 9/25 – She explained that this is a preview of the homes that will be open on Chester County Day.

Chris mentioned the Regional Sites Phila. Campaign scheduled for 9/19. He will attend the next meeting but doesn't think this event will happen this year.

Treasurer's Report

Monica reviewed her report. She mentioned that another \$50 donation was received from Bruce Mowday from the sale of his book at Living History Day. She and Ellen have to finalize the expenses and revenues for LHD.

Chairman's Report

1. Chris acknowledged the letter from the Township regarding a request for subdivision of a property on Colonial Lane. This does not involve an historic resource.

Old Business

1. Miscellaneous Research – Ed is working on the Goodwin Estates. Dean Pierce sent Ed a photo of himself at age 10 in front of the Sullivan House. He also sent a photo of a saddle from the Sullivan House and wanted to know if the HC would like to have it. The Commission agreed. Ed will contact Dean and have it shipped here. Ed passed around an advertisement for the sale of the Clocktower property listing "possible subdivision".

2. TT&VW – Kathryn reviewed the plans for this 7/25/13 event. The Pretzel Factory is giving a discount on their small pretzels. It was decided to order 250 pretzels for \$72 and to start setting up that day at 2:00 pm.

3. Battle of the Clouds – The county archives has a lot of information on roads in the township before 1777. Ed shared some of the information he found based on surveyors' reports. In 1734 Paoli Pike went from West Chester just to the Friends Meeting House in East Goshen. In 1800 Hershey Mill Road was widened and a description mentions a dam which is further upstream than the current dam. This research will be used by Sean to plot the travel of the troops. Ed commented that Dean Pierce mentioned a large bog south of the Sullivan House. Ed will meet with Karen Marshall to give her his findings. Chris reported that Karen Marshall has received most of the information for this project. Everyone present at the meeting was excited about Ed's findings and congratulated him.

4. CPTF – To prepare for next week's meeting, Kathryn gave everyone a copy of a few pages from the SCA for East Goshen. She explained where on the website they could find the entire report to read before the meeting. All should read the handout from last month's meeting. She encouraged everyone to look at the Goals & Objectives to determine which were complete, which should remain, which should be removed and suggest new ideas for the future.

5. Catalogue of Historic Artifacts – Ellen wants to add a column to the spreadsheet which would indicate the condition of the items. Things that can't be repaired should be put in a separate category. A decision will have to be made about whether to keep them or not. Also, there should be a maintenance program for some items. She feels the items in the Plank House should be true to that period of time, which should be the criteria for accepting donations. Chris feels there are opportunities to show other items – in the meeting room of the BSS and second floor of the PH. Kathryn commented that the PH was built in 1808. Ellen suggested doing different periods in different rooms, but still use only those items that people would have owned in this area.

6. Other Old Business:

a. Kathryn reported that the CCHPN Volunteer Recognition celebration went well. It was held in Sugartown. They had tours and good food from Ted Pace who is doing catering now. Chris mentioned that he led the tour in the barn and liked hearing the report each municipality gave. East Goshen was complimented on the Living History Day event. Also, several townships have established Historic Commissions.

New Business

1. 2014 Budget – Chris received a note from Jon Altshul, Township CFO, about the reports that are required at this time of the year. Jon needs a 2013 year to date report, a 2013 projection, and any anticipated runovers with an explanation. Jon will attend the August meeting and needs the proposed 2014 budget by 8/30/13. The Commission reviewed the Budget report that Chris prepared. Monica will get the 2012 year end numbers for Chris. After discussion, the Commission decided to project that the remaining \$2,442 for 2013 will be used by 12/31/13. The only item that may go over budget is Events, because of the TT&VW event. Kathryn reminded the Commission that Jon wants the balance of \$1,641.00 in the old 501(c)(3) to be used. Chris will prepare a report for the next meeting.

Chris reported that Christopher Cummings did a walk thru with Mark Miller. Mark will purchase the materials and Christopher will start the sign project in August.

Also, the 2nd week in August, Mark Miller wants to do a walk-thru the BSS and PH to see what needs to be done for next year so he can put it in his budget.

2. Return of Historic Site to 18th century – After some discussion the following was decided:

- a. This Sunday July 14th will be the "Happy Weeding" Party to clean out the garden, 9:00 am.
- b. Thursday, August 1st, 6:30 pm, the PH will be cleaned.
- c. Wednesday, August 14th, 6:30 pm, the 18th century items will be moved into the PH.

Everyone was encouraged to help with these tasks.

3. Other New Business

- a. Goshen Fair – Kathryn mentioned that volunteers are needed.
- b. National Preservation Fair will be held next July 16-18, 2014 at the University of PA.
- c. Yellow Springs Preservation Fair will be held Oct. 26, 2013.
- d. Lloyd Rouch would like to have someone come and be interviewed for his local internet radio program on 7/16 or 8/6. Kathryn will do this.
- e. Kathryn mentioned the sale of historic resources and the fact that the HC needs to be able to document the architectural features in these buildings, i.e crown molding, door knobs, etc. Judy mentioned that 514 Beaumont Circle has given permission for the HC to do this, just select a date.

Public Comment:

Bill Egan thanked the Commission for the information and referral to the CCHS to research his ancestors. It has been an interesting project.

Post Office of the Month

Bill distributed information about the Warren Tavern which housed the Post Office from 1820 to 1851. It was moved to the Valley Store in E. Whiteland but retained the name of the Warren Tavern P.O. It was discontinued in 1910. The packet contained postmaster information, and examples of the postmarks and postage rates of that time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Monica moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary