

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
September 12, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday September 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, William Schultz, Ellen Carmody, Monica Close, Sue Ciorletti and Ed Lendrat.

**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*

*HC – Historical Commission*

*HRIS – Historical Resource Impact Study*

*LHD – Living History Day*

*NHD – National History Day*

*NR – National Register of Historic Places*

*PH – Plank House*

*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**

Chris led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Chris asked for a moment of silence for our troops and to remember the events of 9/11.

**Minutes**

The Chairman noted that the minutes of July 17, 2013 and August 8, 2013 were approved as corrected.

**Announcements**

The calendar of events was reviewed. Kathryn pointed out that there were some additions.

**Treasurer's Report**

None

**Chairman's Report**

1. Flag - Chris reported that the new flag was received. It is the flag used from 1795 – 1813. During the War of 1812 it became known as the Star Spangled Banner. Kathryn suggested submitting an article for the newsletter about this flag. Judy is going to write something for the display at the BSS. Chris mentioned that a new current flag needs to be purchased. He will ask Mark Miller about this.

2. Repairs – Chris and Ben met with Mark Miller to walk the site to determine what needs to be completed before winter.

- BSS – Outside -
- a. The E. Boot Rd. door will be checked for sealant.
  - b. The roof will be replaced
  - c. The bottom of the window sills on the outside need to be replaced

- Inside -
- a. Bathroom
  - b. Window sill in meeting room
  - c. pointing over the fireplace and mortar, if mortar can't be repaired they will have to consider whitewash on the walls
  - d. 2 of the crossbeams will be secured and floor boards near the double doors will be replaced

- PH –outside -
- a. White walls outside will be spray washed and re-whitewashed

Kathryn commented that weeds are growing on the 2 spring houses in Applebrook Park. They should be removed.

3. Scout Project – Chris, Monica, Kathryn and Dolores Higgins met at Applebrook Park with Rick Smith (Township Manager), Mark Miller (Public Works Director), and John Jam and PJ Viloski Park & Recreation Commission Members. They did a site walk of the area on the west side of the Chamber building. Concerns were given about the original location for the proposed shelter. It was in the historic area of the park and was too visible. It was agreed that the shelter location will be moved to the pathway by the Chamber parking lot between 2 large trees. Judy suggested that a map should be made showing exactly where the historic area is. Chris feels this is a good idea. He also feels the HC should attend a PRC meeting to discuss this.

### **Old Business**

1. 2014 Budget - Chris reviewed the remaining budget for 2013 and indicated that the remaining balance of \$2,086 will be spent by the end of 2013.

Ellen mentioned that the rocking chair and spinning wheel in the PH are unrepairable. The cost of new items can come out of the 501c3 account. Also, a decision needs to be made about what period to decorate in the PH.

Chris reviewed the proposed budget for 2014. There was discussion about renting a van to take a tour of the historic properties. It was agreed to add \$130 to General Expenses for this tour. The total for the proposed 2014 budget is \$3,595.00. A vote to approve this amount passed unanimously.

2. Historic Resources – Judy feels that owners of historic resources should receive a letter. Chris suggested copying a layer of the map of the Battle of the Clouds and send it, with a letter, to let them know their property is on the East Goshen list. Ellen commented that if East Goshen has a meeting about the Battle of the Clouds these owners should be invited.

3. Miscellaneous Research –

a. Historical Research – Ed reviewed the information he found about the following roads in East Goshen: Hershey Mill Road, Greenhill Road, Line Road, Paoli Pike (east & west), Boot Road (east & west) and King Road.

b. Post Office – Bill reviewed information about the White Horse post office in Willistown Twp.

4. Comp Plan update – Kathryn reported that the CPTF met on August 26<sup>th</sup> and last night, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The discussion was about the few remaining large properties in East Goshen and the town center. The next meeting will be Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

1. Events – Preservation Fair – Oct. 26, 2013

Sugartown Annual Open House – Nov. 9, 2013

CCHS Spring Workshop – March 8, 2014

Volunteer Recognition – June 5, 2014

2. Garden – Kathryn and Judy have developed a plan for the PH garden.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary