

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday October 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Co-Chairman Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, William Schultz, Ellen Carmody, Monica Close, Sue Ciorletti and Ed Lendrat. Others present: Dolores Higgins, 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

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

Judy called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Judy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for our troops.

Minutes

The Co - Chairman noted that the minutes of September 12, 2013 were approved as corrected.

Announcements

The calendar of events for 2013 was reviewed. Kathryn pointed out that there were some additions. She provided a draft of the 2014 calendar. Also, she gave out a flyer for the Chester Co. Preservation Fair on Saturday, October 26 in Historic Yellow Springs.

Treasurer's Report

Monica reported there is no change in the treasurer's report. Ed mentioned that the shipping cost for the saddle has not been paid yet.

Chairman's Report

A. Ellen reported that a letter was received from Sandy Snyder, Chairman of the Conservancy Board, letting them know that there will be a planting on E. Boot Road, near the Plank House and boardwalk on Saturday November 9, 9:00 am-12 noon; raindate November 10. They need volunteers. The commission members are concerned that the Conservancy Board did not include them in the planning process since this is in the historic area. Chris will find out what they are planting.

B. The Township is updating the Open Space Plan and needs 1 main member and 1 alternate from each ABC. Ellen said Chris volunteered for this committee. Monica volunteered to be the alternate. They will meet the 3rd Thurs each month for 8 months. The first meeting is Oct. 17.

Old Business

A. Misc. Research

Ed's research this month was on 1351 Paoli Pike and 600 Reservoir Road.

Bill's post office report was on Belvidere (West Whiteland Twp) which was located in the railroad station. He pointed out that Ben Franklin was on the first postage stamp. He mentioned that he was on the West Whiteland Historic Commission and they made developers move historic buildings instead of demolishing them. They also had a list of historic trees in the Township. He would be interested in doing this in East Goshen. He was told that the CB does this.

- B. CPTF – Kathryn provided a copy of the township history that has been used in the past. It is the longest version. She asked the members to review it and be ready to discuss it at the November meeting.
- C. Archives – Ellen reported that the list is incomplete. There are no books, maps or clothing on it. She is trying to locate people who have “loaned” items.
- D. Judy reported that the Plank House is cleaned and all clothes are in the closet.
- E. Wheelwright shop – Judy has collected art work, maps and paintings and hung them on one wall in the meeting room. Judy asked Chris to find out if the Township has an extra flag on a stand to use in the meeting room. She is getting Ben’s map professionally framed.
Sue mentioned that this year, when she is the only one on the site on Saturday, she did not feel safe. Also, she feels they should not be open on holidays (4th of July and Labor Day). Judy feels that this needs to be discussed and maybe they need to rethink being open every Saturday. The Blacksmith is the attraction. Ellen suggested having 1 day a month with more people and some activities. It must be advertised and the signs should be put out. Even if there are no visitors, it would be a day for the volunteers to cross train.
- F. Other Old Business
 - 1. Kathryn reported that 29 people attended the Chester County Day slide show last week. Next year the event will highlight the Northeast quadrant of the county.

New Business

- A. The township is going back to mailing a paper newsletter. Since it will be prepared by an outside firm, the deadline for articles is not flexible. The deadline is Oct. 29 for the winter issue. Kathryn will do an article and include the fact that they need volunteers to help maintain the garden through the summer.
- B. The scope of next year’s CATO directory will be “Building on a firm foundation”. They will cover historic buildings that have an adaptive reuse. Kathryn reviewed the list of East Goshen buildings that are historic and used by a business. She will send this list to CATO.
- C. Kathryn pointed out that Goals and Objectives for 2014 need to be discussed next month. Also, they need to discuss officers for 2014.
- D. Kathryn attended the Park & Recreation meeting last week and brought up the subject of the scout project. She commented to them that more than just 3 locations were actually discussed on the site walk. She described some of the alternative locations to the Park & Rec members. The Park Commission is still going to recommend the site in Applebrook along the parking lot path at the Chamber building to the BOS. Dolores mentioned the pathway going into the woods next to the soccer fields as a good location. The Commission discussed the problem of lack of communication between the ABCs. Kathryn will compose a draft letter to the BOS and email it to the other HC members for review.
- E. Canopies – Judy moved to purchase two, white canopies. Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed. Monica will purchase them. Dolores gave Monica a coupon for them.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary