

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday February 12, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. Questor's Presentation**
- 4. MINUTES – January 8th, 2015**
- 5. TREASURER’S REPORT**
- 6. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**
 - A. Walk through of BSS and Plank House with Mark Miller**
 - B. Update on Township Comprehensive Plan**
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Update Historical Resources (Ed)**
 - B. Volunteer Recruitment Plan for 2015 (Sue & Kathryn)**
 - C. Update on Historic Properties Project (Judy)**
 - D. 'Living History Day' and Marketing Plan (Dolores)**
 - E. Other Old Business (All)**

NEW BUSINESS

 - A. Quilt – Women’s Work Project**
 - B. Clock shelf**
 - C. Spinning Wheel**
 - D. Update from Kathryn on MUSA**
 - E. Other New Business**
- 8. SUB-DIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**
- 9. LIAISON REPORTS**
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE and PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2015

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday January 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Judy Schaffer, Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody, Dolores Higgins, Sue Ciorletti, MontaJean Gay. Others present were Kathryn Yahraes.

COMMON ACRONYMS:

BOS - Board of Supervisors

BSS - Blacksmith Shop

Day

CCHS - Chester County Historical Society
Historic Places

CCHPN - Chester Co Historical Preservation
Museum

Network

DAR - Daughters of the American Revolution
American Revolution

HRIS - Historical Resource Impact Study
Village Walks

LHD - Living History Day

NHD - National History

NR - National Register of

PHMC-PA Historical

Commission

SAR - Sons of the

TTVW - Town Tours &

Call to Order

Judy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Dolores led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, then asked all present for a moment of silence to remember our troops overseas.

Election of New Officers

Sue proposes the following slate of officers for 2015:

Chris Reardon - Chairman

Ellen Carmody - Vice Chairman

Dolores Higgins - Treasurer

Judy seconded the motion and all agreed.

Minutes - November 13, 2014

Minutes approved with corrections. Page 2 line 23 "Norm Glass is looking for his written list", page 2 line 29 "Dolores seconded"

1 **Treasurer's Report**

2 Dolores reported that the budget request for 2015 is the same as 2014. We have
3 not heard yet if the budget has been approved by the BOS. All funds from the
4 2014 budget were spent. The last expenditure was to order 2 additional chairs for
5 the Plank House parlor. They were ordered from Martin's Chair, where the
6 rocking chair was made. They are reproductions of period chairs referred to as
7 Windsor Bamboo side chairs. Ellen and Dolores worked with the people at
8 Martin's chair and several reference books. The chairs are pictured in "Furniture
9 and its Makers of Chester County, PA by Margaret B Schiffer. Originals are in the
10 collection of CCHS. One chair has been paid for with the funds from the 2014
11 budget the second will be paid for from the 2015 budget. Additional items to
12 complete the PH updates would include a parlor floor cloth, approx. cost \$900,
13 display case for use in PH or meeting room. Suggestions from the other
14 members include: Manikins, adults as well as children, period folding tables,
15 items for the meeting room are additional framed pieces, maps, profiles of
16 historic people of the township i.e. Benjamin Garrett and his clocks
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19 **Chairperson's Report**

20 Planning for June 2015 event. Ellen has agreed to chair this. We are waiting to
21 see what the Continental line schedule is. Then we will know who might be
22 available. A date in Feb will be established for the planning session. The event
23 will be June 6, 2015, title TBD.
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25 An informal meeting/discussion occurred in November between Judy, Chris and
26 2 of the BOS regarding the Hershey's Mill Dam. The HC's position is that the
27 dam is not historic but the land and buildings are. It is an individual choice to
28 support or not to support the Save the Dam project.
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30 2015 Planning Session and Comp Plan Task Force - Saturday January 10. Chris
31 will do the presentation.
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33 Plan for Historical Property Resources to HC database. Judy, as chair, Chris, Ed
34 and Ben will be working together to fine tune the designation of the historic
35 resources, i.e. Class 1, Class 2. This information will then be put together for
36 each of the resources and stored within the township database. This will provide
37 the BOS, and other departments access to the information without disturbing the
38 paper files.
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40 **Old Business**

41 Volunteer Recruitment Plan for 2015 (Sue & Kathryn) - We've received several
42 volunteer forms as a result of the last newsletter. Sue will take the point on
43 contacting the people and moving forward to working with them.
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45 The newsletter article is due at the end of the month. Subject will be the Plank
46 House, its history and the projects that we have been working on within it. Also

1 information on the June Living History event. Dolores and Ellen will get this
2 submitted with pictures.

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4 Floor Cloth for PH parlor will cost approx. \$900 - \$1000. Judy raised the
5 question about the cost and how will it hold up to public traffic. Dolores has a list
6 of 6 artisans that make the floor cloths. They resided in NH, OH, VA and
7 Western PA. The cost is \$18 to \$20 per sq. ft. plus shipping. The small one we
8 purchased earlier this year had been used at the entrance to a stores show room
9 and had tons of traffic and held up beautifully. What we need to do is have the
10 floor in the PH prepared. This is an item on Mark Miller's list. The floor needs to
11 be oiled and checked for raised nails and if the floor is uneven we can have a
12 pad placed at the uneven spots. Also Chris suggested that we consider the
13 placement of the cloth prior to event days. Dolores will continue to investigate
14 and contact the artisans.

15 16 17 **New Business**

18 **Quilt** - Women's Work Project - Judy brought in the bed quilt top for everyone to
19 see. It is ready for the border to be added then the batting, backing and binding.
20 It will then be ready to put on the quilt frame and the quilting can then be started.
21 We have found several experienced quilters who have agreed to guide and
22 assist us with these steps. The cradle quilt is in progress also. The top is ready
23 to have the batting and backing added. We have a small frame to use for the
24 quilting for this also. We are also thinking ahead to the bi-centennial in 2017 and
25 possible creation of commemorative quilt. All ideas are welcome.

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27 **Clock shelf** - Dolores reported that the shelf is painted and just needs to be
28 hung. With the holidays and recent weather events Dolores has delayed
29 contacting Mark Miller to request Chas Linders assistance to properly place and
30 hang the shelf. She will talk to Mark Miller, at the Saturday event and request
31 Chas's help.

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33 **Spinning Wheel** - Judy and Dolores will be taking spinning lessons this spring.
34 Date and time TBD.

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36 **Public Works Projects** - We would like to set up a walk through with Mark Miller
37 on the projects in Historic Goshenville, i.e. Fence around the PH., painting,
38 repairs to the Spring Houses in the park, repair the display case locks and
39 discuss the potential for creation of several small items for use by the HC, i.e.
40 period folding tables for events. Chris will lead this.

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42 **Sugartown Cabin-Fever Day** - The HC was approached to again participate on
43 Feb 7th at Sugartown. Ellen, Judy and Dolores agreed to assist with the corn
44 husk dolls, lucets, weaving sticks. We are awaiting clarification of details.

1 **Sub-Division / Land Development**

2 On Saturday January 10, 2014 there is a scheduled township tour of properties
3 with potential for future development.
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5 **Liaison Reports**

6 none
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8 **Correspondence and Public Comment**

9 Kathryn brought several items to the HC's attention. The CCHPN is sponsoring a
10 Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP). It will be held in April
11 and she suggested that the HC send one member to this all-day training. The
12 cost would be \$30. Information about the program was distributed to all present.
13 The West Whiteland HC has requested assistance from EGHC to act as guides
14 for this year's TT&VW. They do not have a date assigned or a script. They will be
15 highlighting the Chester Valley Trail. The commission will respond when more
16 information is available.
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20 **Adjournment**

21 There being no further business, Ellen moved to adjourn the meeting. Sue
22 seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
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25 Respectfully submitted,
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29 Dolores Higgins, member Historical Commission