

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2015**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Judy Schaffer, Ellen Carmody, Dolores Higgins, Sue Ciorletti , non-voting member Ed Lendrat and new member Christopher Moore. Others present were: Ben Rohrbeck and Kathryn Yahraes.

COMMON ACRONYMS:

BOS - Board of Supervisors	LHD - Living History Day
BSS - Blacksmith Shop	NHD - National History Day
CCHS - Chester County Historic Society	NR - National Register of Historic Places
CCHPN - Chester Co Historical Preservation Network	PHMC-PA Historical Museum Commission
DAR - Daughters of the American Revolution	SAR - Sons of the American Revolution
HRIS - Historical Resource Impact Study	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 to remember our troops.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of January 8, 2015 were approved. Dolores was thanked for taking the minutes.

Chairperson's Report

1. Chris introduced Christopher Moore, the newest member of the Commission. Chris M. told us he is a student at DELCO Community College, is an Eagle Scout, and has worked with Ben in the Blacksmith Shop. He wants to transfer to West Chester University and major in criminal justice with a minor in history.
2. Chris and Dolores did a walk thru the Blacksmith Shop and Plank House with Mark Miller. Things Mark will take care of in the BSS are: the pin in the double doors on the BSS falls out and sets off the alarm; spring on the floor vice; move the thermostat; and paint. Judy hasn't found a paint that she likes. In the Plank House, floors will be oiled and nails pounded in, and the clock shelf will be installed. Outside they will work on the fence and fill in the hole. Dolores mentioned that when they left the PH, the alarm could not be reset. Chris will follow up with Mark on the alarm system. Judy has an alarm company to recommend. Kathryn feels a screen should be installed around the condenser because the mowers mow grass onto it.

3. Display Cases – Dolores provided a picture of a display case. It would be table height with glass on top and the sides. They need 2 – 1 in the meeting room in the BSS and 1 upstairs in the PH.
4. Invasive vines at the Springhouse need to be removed.
5. Comp Plan – Everyone who went on the bus tour in January thought it was good. There is a conflict with the June 11th meeting. The members agreed to change the HC meeting to the 3rd Thursday in June – June 18th.

OLD BUSINESS

Misc Research – Ed gave everyone a copy of the map of the Property Owners in East Goshen in 1777 that he worked on. The roads are shown in red (except Airport Road which he will remove). He will work on a map of 1817 for the celebration in 2017.

Volunteer Program – Sue reported that several people filled out the volunteer forms and she contacted them. A date in April will be set up for training.

Historic Properties List – Judy pulled 18 files and labeled them Class 1 (red labels) or Class 2 (blue labels). When they are approved they will be scanned into the database. Chris commented that they took the top 10 to see if they were recognized by the federal and/or state governments which would make them Class 1. Class 2 is any property that was here during the Battle of the Clouds. The properties will be put in order by TPN#. There are about 33 properties in Class 1 and 2. The rest will be Class 3 for now and reviewed later. Judy mentioned that they will keep the files for the 3 properties that were removed from the list in 2014. She commended Ed for all the work he has done identifying historic properties.

Living History Day – Ellen provided a list of people who will be part of this year's event on Saturday, June 6, 2015. The list was reviewed. The event needs to be put on the township website.

At this point, Marty Shane, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, stopped in to thank the members of the Commission for all the work they do to preserve the history of the township.

NEW BUSINESS

Questors – Elizabeth DiTullio, President and Caroline Weisbecker, Vice President of the Local Questors, Tredyffrin #3, were introduced. Liz explained that they study antiques and historic places; are national and international; and most of the members of #3 live in East Goshen. In the fall, they had a meeting in Historic Goshenville. She presented 25 lucets, which were used to make cords, to the Commission. She also showed the Commission the new cover for their booklet which has the Plank House on it. The Commission members were very grateful. Liz mentioned that they would like to have a meeting again this fall at Historic Goshenville and invite other Questor groups. She also said she discovered an early 1800s bible with the name Hickman in it.

Quilting – Judy reported that the quilt is ready for batting and backing.

MUSA – Kathryn commented that the CCHPN is having a Spring Workshop on April 25. The Chairpersons of each municipality's Historic Commission will be invited. If the Chairperson can't attend, then the Vice Chair can come. It will be held at the Brandywine River Museum. Some of the national officers will hold seminars about standards and guidelines, zoning, naming and designating historic places, etc. Chris can't attend but he will speak to Ellen.

Kathryn mentioned that the local annual dinner will be held on June 17, 2015 at the Grove United Methodist Church.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

1. Judy mentioned that she wrote a letter to the BOS requesting that they renew her term on the Commission.
2. Dolores mentioned that Jason Lang has a summer program for teens which is an Entrepreneurial Camp. This year he is arranging for them to visit the local corporations and tour the historic area, then, they will design a marketing program for the Historic Commission.
3. Kathryn mentioned that the TTVW will be featuring East Whiteland this year, so, they will need volunteers.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary