

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
August 13,2015**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday August 13,2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Dolores Higgins, Sue Ciorletti, Judy Schafer, Christopher Moore, and non-voting member, Ed Lendrat. Others present were Kathryn Yahraes.

**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

BOS - Board of Supervisors

BSS - Blacksmith Shop

CCHS - Chester County Historical Society

CCHPN - Chester Co Historical Preservation Network

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

SAR - Sons of the American Revolution

TTVW - Town Tours & Village Walks

**Call to Order**

Dolores 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 past commission member and great friend Ben Rohrbeck, as well as those who serve in our military service and our best wishes for Mark Miller's rapid recovery.

**Minutes**

Dolores noted that the minutes of July 9, 2015 were approved as corrected..

**Treasurer's Report**

Dolores reported no new expenditures.

**Chairperson's Report**

It is with great sadness that we report that our past commission member, great friend, and first blacksmith Ben Rohrbeck passed away earlier this week. The Township flag will fly at half-mast for 5 days in his memory. The BBS sign has been updated. A memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced by his family.

**Old Business**

Research – Ed Lendrat provided an update to his research of the Historical Resources built prior to 1860. He continues to work on a map for the Bi-centennial of the township in 1817. Ed also reported meeting with Baxter Wellman to assist him with research of the Milltown area.

Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day Saturday Sept 19, 2015 11-5pm. The commission has agreed to participate. Corn husk dolls were popular last year with the children. Dolores, Ellen, Judy and Chris plan to attend.

2015 HC Objectives update- Historic Properties Project continues. In the fall, more members of the HC will be able to assist Judy in clarifying the data and updating the records. The first 13 properties are classified as "new class 1's" and are in progress.

Historic Event – June 6, 2015 Artisan Fair Complete

Review of EGT-IU Entrepreneurial Academy- very successful, Ellen and Dolores hosted the 10 members of the camp and their Immaculata University counselors on Tues July 21. They were given a tour of the BSS and PH and an overview of the activities that we participate in. They then broke up into 3 groups and proposed a variety

of activities that would help us to attract more visitors. Some of the suggestions included: Candlelight tours, and a period farmers market.

### **New Business**

Preparations for 2016 Projects

- Present an Artisan Fair on June 4, 2016
- Continue work on updating/electronic entry of Historic Property Inventory
- Work on acquisition of more volunteers
- Train/acquire another blacksmith
- Define the 2016 schedule for opening the BSS and PH.

### **Sub-Division / Land Development**

Proposed Dunkin Donuts in Goshen Village Shopping Center does not pertain to the HC.

### **Liaison Reports**

none

### **Correspondence and Public Comment**

September 13, 2015 2-6pm - Historic Sugartown - Shugart's 2nd annual BBQ & Bluegrass event. For tickets and information: [historicsugartown.org](http://historicsugartown.org)

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Sue moved to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Schafer, Historical Commission Member