

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2015**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody, Dolores Higgins, Christopher Moore, Judy Schafer, Montajeau Gay and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Others present: Ginnie Newlin 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.

Public Comments

Ginnie Newlin presented some items of concern:

1. Ginnie pointed out that the privie is uphill from the well pump which would be a danger for people using the water. It should be moved up near the side of the house to the front corner of the fence.

2. The red bud “tree”, which can be a tree or a bush, needs to be pruned. She knows someone who will help. It will probably have to stay as a bush not a tree. Someone has to be responsible for maintaining the trees that we plant. Dolores mentioned the mulberries at the springhouse near the Chamber Bldg. in Applebrook. The roof was replaced and the trees look dead. Ginnie will check them and make a recommendation.

3. Ginnie did some research on the internet for “historic” trees to plant at the Plank House. She recommends Grimes Golden and/or Baldwin. Trees of Antiquity will tell you where to get them.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of August 13, 2015 were approved as corrected.

Chairperson’s Report

1. Chris mentioned that there will be an Open House for the Paoli Pike Trail next Tues 9/15/15 at 6:30 pm before the BOS meeting. He encouraged everyone to attend.
2. Chris reported that the Comp Plan is in a final draft and will go to the BOS in October.
3. Plank House – Chris reported that some DVDs were made from a tape that Hershey’s Mill Channel 20 had about the construction of the Plank House. Let him know if you want to borrow them.
4. Ben Rohrbeck – Kathryn Yahraes visited Ben’s family. They donated his Blacksmith clothing, tools and iron. Chris suggested donating the clothing to the Plantation. However, the Commission members decided to keep the items here. Chris mentioned that approval was given for Ben’s plaque. A dedication will be done at Living History Day, June 2016.

TREASUER’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

OLD BUISINESS

Hershey’s Mill Dam - Resident Wendy Bartenstein, 1522 Tanglewood Dr., was referred to the Historic Commission by Karen Marshall. She spoke about the condition of the mill and pond area. Ed verified that the mill was built in 1775, the original dam was built further back on the creek, and the current dam was built in the 1940s. Chris explained that the Historic Commission does not consider the dam as historic.

Misc Research – Ed had the final draft of the 1817 map and reviewed it with the Commission. He reported that there are 4 maps that show the change in ownership through the years.

Historic Properties Update – Judy reported that 810 & 814, the Grange and Friends, was a challenge but she has separated them. Her goal is to have Class 1’s done by year end.

Springhouse near Chamber Building – Dolores reported that the roof has been replaced and they are working on taking the debris away. The inside of the structure has a stone dome ceiling. She would like to open it to the public in conjunction with another event i.e., the Pumpkin Fest when the hayride brings people past it.

Any Other Old Business

Kathryn requested a copy of the Youth Project. Chris Moore will ask Jason about it.

NEW BUSINESS

Plan for 2016 - Chris reviewed the items for the 2016 report. They were approved.

2016 Officers - Chris nominated the following:

Chairman – Dolores Higgins

Vice Chairman – Ellen Carmody

Treasurer – Montajejan Gay

They accepted the nomination. Chris Moore moved to elect the slate of officers. Judy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business:

Kathryn distributed Dates to Remember from October 2015 to October 2016. She would like representatives from East Goshen to attend the Oct. 24, 2015 workshop at Olivet Church, 8 am to 12:15 pm. Chris reviewed the topics that will be covered.

Chris mentioned that the Plantation submitted Ben's name for Volunteer of the Year in Delaware Co. He was selected for that award. Chris will attend the presentation next Wed. at 4:30 pm at the Train Museum in Newtown Sq. and will send the award to Ben's family.

Calendar for the 2017 Bicentennial – The Commission is considering replicating the 2000 calendar for the bicentennial. Dolores is not sure where the original photos are. Kathryn distributed the 2004 Timeline and business plan for the commission members to review for discussion next month.

Chris Reardon will be at the Blacksmith Shop each Saturday in September and October. If there is only one person on site, there can't be a fire. He is writing a walk thru from information Ben gave him.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chris Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary