

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, December 10th, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. MINUTES – Nov. 12th, 2015**
- 4. TREASURER’S REPORT**
- 5. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Update Historical Resources (Ed)**
 - B. 2015 HC Objectives update**
 - Historic Event - Complete**
 - Update on Historic Properties Project (Judy)**
 - C. Floor Cloth for Plank House update (Dolores)**
 - D. Other Old Business (All)**
- NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Installation of new Officers**
 - B. Other New Business**
 - C. National Trust For Historic Preservation Donation Request**
- 7. SUB-DIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**
- 8. LIAISON REPORTS**
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE and PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody, Dolores Higgins, Judy Schafer, Montajeau Gay, Sue Ciorleti and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Others present: 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 October 8, 2015 were approved.

Chairperson's Report

1. Ben Rohrbeck – Judy showed everyone the article and pictures of Ben that were framed by Frame of Reference. A decision needs to be made as to where to put it in the Blacksmith Shop. Chris will be ordering a plaque to put in the blacksmith area and a dedication will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Dolores has ordered the floor cloth for the Plank House which will cost \$500.00. It will be 6' x 6' and will go in the parlor. Hemlock Floor Cloths in Leraysville PA will be making it and she provided a photo of the pattern.
2. Dolores mentioned that about \$500.00 will come out of the budget for the work that the Public Works Dept. did.
3. Chris commented that there will be about \$1,000 left in the 2015 budget. He will order a new 1812 flag which will cost about \$100.00

1 **OLD BUISINESS**

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3 Misc Research – Ed had the final draft of the 1817 map showing the landowners. He has 7
4 properties to do owners searches on. They are: 3 Tun, Perakis, Goodwin, Sullivan and 3 Hicks
5 owners.

6 Ed attended a CCHPN seminar. He received a handout that showed historic locks and hardware.
7 He gave it to Dolores to put in the archives. Kathryn advised to save everything in a historic
8 building but don't date a building on its hardware.
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10 Historic Properties Update – Chris, Judy and Dolores spent some time this morning with Brian
11 McCool at the township building learning how to use a new database that they will use to scan
12 information about the historic properties. The properties will be indexed by TPN, address and
13 date. This will make it possible for people to search for information without touching the paper.
14 Also, Chris reported that the date stone that was found at the E. Boot Road house is on display in
15 the 2nd floor lobby of the township building. Ed feels the date stone actually goes to the
16 clocktower house. Dolores mentioned that they also saved 2 arched windows.
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18 Meeting Room Painting – Judy explained that there are 2 walls that need painting. She, Ellen
19 and Dolores will decide the color. Also, the thermostat needs to be moved from the current wall
20 so things can be displayed there.
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22 **Any Other Old Business**

23 Kathryn detailed the speakers and topics at the CCHPN seminar that Ed attended.
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25 Sinkler Lake – This was the mill pond for the Ashbridge Mill. Ed is looking into it. The dam
26 was washed away in 1839 and rebuilt in 1890. Chris explained how water was directed to and
27 away from mills.
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29 **NEW BUSINESS**

30 Comprehensive Plan Goals – Chris reviewed the memo received from Rick Smith. In the long
31 range plan, preservation standards were added. Chris will head a project to partner with the
32 Planning Commission, he suggested Monica Close, to review these standards.
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34 Newsletter Articles for 2016 – Dolores submitted an article on clocks for the Winter newsletter.
35 She would like people to volunteer now for 2016. For the Spring newsletter Ellen will write
36 about the Historic Event scheduled for June 4, 2016. Chris will write an article about the
37 blacksmith shop for the Summer newsletter. For Fall Montajeau will write about literary groups.
38 For Winter 2017 the 2017 Bi-centennial Event will be featured with the 1717 map.
39 Ed pointed out that a few years ago, they received newspaper clippings from the original Daily
40 Local News.
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42 **Any Other New Business**

43 Kathryn mentioned that the CCHPN Spring workshop will be held on March 12, 2016 at the
44 Brandywine river Museum. The topic is combining public relations and Preservation 50.
45 On June 22, 2016, the volunteer recognition dinner will be held at the Downingtown Country
46 Club.

1 National History Day will be March 4 & 5, 2016.

2 The PA Clean up date of Rt. 352 by the Historical Commission was discussed. Dolores moved
3 to release back to the State cleaning of Rt. 352 between Manley Road and Paoli Pike. Sue
4 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kathryn will send a letter to the State.

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6 Dolores suggested having the Town Tour and Village Walk in 2017 but instead of having it at
7 the historic area, use the hayride carts to take people around the loop at the Chamber Of
8 Commerce building. There is the Friends meeting and cemetery, school house, Garret house,
9 grist mill, etc.

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11 **Adjournment**

12 There being no further business, Dolores moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the
13 motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

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18 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary
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November 17, 2015

East Goshen Township Hist Comm.
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West Chester, PA 19380-6107

Dear Member,

Right now, some of America's most precious historical treasures are in extreme danger. And unless we take immediate, effective action to save these National Treasures, they will be lost forever — and with them, the stories that are part of every American's heritage.

I've sent you this *2015 President's Report* to update you on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's accomplishments that you helped make possible this year — and to make the case for your continued support to protect more imperiled historic places in the year ahead.

Your generous, personal commitment fueled the National Trust's successful efforts to save important and meaningful landmarks, neighborhoods, and landscapes from coast to coast over this past year — preserving places from the past to ensure a richer future for generations to come.

With your help, we expanded our dynamic National Treasures program, launching bold, innovative campaigns to protect even more places that are part of our shared American story. The number of threatened places on our National Treasures list has now grown to more than 60.

Your generosity also enabled the National Trust to bring thousands more Americans into the preservation movement through programs like our HOPE (Hands-On Preservation Experience) Crew, which actively engages young people in saving our nation's historic places.

As a dedicated Member of the National Trust, you can take pride in all we accomplished in 2015. We couldn't have done it without you!

In the year ahead, your continued support will be essential to building on these successes to save more of the places that matter — and to bring to life more treasured memories and stories to share with our children and grandchildren.

That's why I urge you to help get the National Trust's vital work off to a strong start in 2016 — by sending a generous year-end donation of \$30, \$45 or even more if possible before the December 31st tax-deduction deadline.

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Your year-end gift is critical. Despite all we've achieved together, demolition, development, abandonment, and neglect threaten more precious historic places each day.

The challenges facing the National Trust have never been greater. Countless historic buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes of great significance stand endangered as never before.

But together, we can prevent the loss of these special places and the stories they tell. Just look at how your generous support helped us save irreplaceable National Treasures this year.

The National Trust won a major victory in our fight to preserve **the Palisades** in New Jersey, a scenic 12-mile swath of shorelands, uplands, and cliffs across the Hudson River from Manhattan. This natural, historical, and cultural treasure was threatened when LG Electronics proposed the construction of a massive office tower that would have irreversibly destroyed the Palisades' viewshed. But, after an intensive campaign by the National Trust and our allies, the company agreed to redesign the building so that it will not threaten the Palisades landscape — a win-win for historic preservation, the environment, and economic development.

In another major success, the National Trust achieved its goal of securing permanent protection for the **Pullman Historic District** in Chicago, a model industrial town built in the late 19th century that played a key role in the history of the labor movement, civil rights, transportation, and urban planning. In February, the National Trust's campaign to increase awareness of this historic place's unique homes, factory buildings, and landmark structures came to fruition when President Obama designated it a national monument.

And, we notched another 2015 National Treasure victory in our battle against destructive development in **Shockoe Bottom** in Richmond, Virginia — once the center of the country's slave trade. This important urban archaeological site is threatened by the proposed construction of a minor-league baseball stadium and other development. The National Trust's campaign to protect this unique site and preserve it as a Site of Conscience took a crucial step forward in April, when the Richmond City Council voted unanimously to pass a resolution calling for a thorough archaeological survey before any development takes place. Since then, the mayor has all but publicly abandoned the baseball proposal.

As we look to the year ahead, we have much work to do to add to these victories and protect more historic places.

We made important advances in our campaign to restore the **New York State Pavilion**, designed by famous architect Philip Johnson for the 1964-65 World's Fair. A skyline-defining feature of the borough of Queens, the Pavilion featured a theater, three observation towers, the world's largest suspension roof, and a 567-panel terrazzo road map of the Empire State. Unfortunately, the tent's roof was declared unstable and removed, leaving the map exposed to the elements and the Pavilion's future in question. To save this Modernist icon, we must raise local and national awareness of the Pavilion's significance, advocate for its restoration, and work to bring preservation expertise and resources to the rehabilitation effort.

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The National Trust is also making crucial headway in our work to preserve the **Waikiki Natatorium War Memorial** in Honolulu, a unique structure featuring a saltwater swimming pool that was built in 1927 to honor Hawaii's 10,000 citizens who served in World War I. When the City of Honolulu released a study supporting demolition of the site, the National Trust sprang into action, sending city officials more than 1,300 letters from National Trust supporters backing preservation of the memorial, mobilizing the surrounding community to participate in the project's environmental review process, and working with the city on a re-use plan for the Natatorium to operate as a vibrant aquatic facility and community resource.

We continue to work in historic towns including **Annapolis**, Maryland, which contains more original 18th-century structures than any other city in the country. Like many historic seaport towns, Annapolis faces worsening threats from the impacts of climate change, with the combined effects of sinking land and rising waters, resulting in a rate of sea-level increase that is twice the world average. We are working to address this growing threat by assisting with hazard-mitigation planning and implementation, and sharing lessons learned with communities facing similar challenges.

Our work will not stop there. In the past year, we have added many places to our portfolio and plan to continue to protect these new Treasures and expand our reach to preserve even more historic sites. But, we cannot do it alone.

Without your support, we will not be able to protect new additions like the **A. G. Gaston Motel** in Birmingham, Alabama, a significant site in the history of the Civil Rights Movement and black entrepreneurship during the period of racial segregation. Built by African-American businessman Arthur George Gaston in 1954, the motel was at the epicenter of Birmingham's civil rights protests and demonstrations — during the spring of 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stayed in room 30, which became the “war room” of the movement's top leaders. Working with the City of Birmingham and other local, state, and national partners, the National Trust plans to preserve this iconic site for future generations.

Another recently declared National Treasure is the **Southwest Museum site** in Los Angeles, which opened in 1914. For more than a century, the museum's historic, architectural, and cultural values have made it an icon in northeast Los Angeles. But, despite the site's rich history and prominence, it is underutilized, putting its future in doubt. The National Trust — with the collaboration and enthusiasm of local elected officials, residents, artists, organizations, and other partners — is working with the owner, the Autry National Center, to revive this significant landmark in a way that actively contributes to and supports the thriving urban fabric of Los Angeles.

In 2016, we must continue our work to preserve the rich history of **Louisville**, Kentucky, which contains a remarkable collection of historic structures and neighborhoods dating back to its early role as a trading center along the Ohio River. Louisville's challenge in coming years is to support the continued revitalization of the heart of the city, while encouraging new construction and investment. By creating an urban laboratory in Louisville to develop and test innovative approaches to preservation issues and opportunities, the National Trust and our local partners are seeking to protect Louisville's historic core neighborhoods and create a sustainable model for other cities across the nation.

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As you can see from this *2015 President's Report*, and our entire National Treasures portfolio on *SavingPlaces.org*, we're doing much more than just working to save a handful of well-known places — we are fighting to save a wide variety of unique sites in communities across America.

In the coming year, the National Trust will continue its tireless work to preserve these extraordinary places and the diverse stories they tell of our past. Plus, we will be adding more sites to our National Treasures list — to protect and restore places that tell America's ever-unfolding story.

But, we face a lot of hard work ahead, and I cannot stress enough how critical your year-end support is to getting our 2016 efforts off to a strong start.

On average, adding a single National Treasure to our list requires \$250,000 to wage the comprehensive campaign to preserve it. That's why I'm counting on your help today to fuel the National Trust's vital efforts to ensure the future of historic places nationwide and pass on an inspiring legacy to our children, our grandchildren, and the generations beyond.

I hope that you will continue to be a part of our important cause in 2016 by making a generous year-end contribution to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Please send your gift right away to ensure that it arrives before the December 31st tax-deduction deadline.

Thank you again for your generous support of our ongoing fight to save places that tell our nation's stories and protect our heritage.

With warmest regards,



Stephanie K. Meeks
President and CEO

P.S. When you support the National Trust, you are saving historic buildings, landscapes, and communities — and the stories they tell of our past. In 2015, your generosity helped the National Trust make vital progress in protecting many National Treasures. Now, we need your continued commitment to build on these successes in the year ahead and preserve even more of America's special places. Please help to get our 2016 work off to a strong start by making your tax-deductible, year-end contribution today. Thank you!