

**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, Montajeon 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

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Ed attended a CCHPN seminar. He received a handout that showed historic locks and hardware. He gave it to Dolores to put in the archives. Kathryn advised to save everything in a historic building but don't date a building on its hardware.

Historic Properties Update – Chris, Judy and Dolores spent some time this morning with Brian McCool at the township building learning how to use a new database that they will use to scan information about the historic properties. The properties will be indexed by TPN, address and date. This will make it possible for people to search for information without touching the paper. Also, Chris reported that the date stone that was found at the E. Boot Road house is on display in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby of the township building. Ed feels the date stone actually goes to the clocktower house. Dolores mentioned that they also saved 2 arched windows.

Meeting Room Painting – Judy explained that there are 2 walls that need painting. She, Ellen and Dolores will decide the color. Also, the thermostat needs to be moved from the current wall so things can be displayed there.

#### Any Other Old Business

Kathryn detailed the speakers and topics at the CCHPN seminar that Ed attended.

Sinkler Lake – This was the mill pond for the Ashbridge Mill. Ed is looking into it. The dam was washed away in 1839 and rebuilt in 1890. Chris explained how water was directed to and away from mills.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Comprehensive Plan Goals – Chris reviewed the memo received from Rick Smith. In the long range plan, preservation standards were added. Chris will head a project to partner with the Planning Commission, he suggested Monica Close, to review these standards.

Newsletter Articles for 2016 – Dolores submitted an article on clocks for the Winter newsletter. She would like people to volunteer now for 2016. For the Spring newsletter Ellen will write about the Historic Event scheduled for June 4, 2016. Chris will write an article about the blacksmith shop for the Summer newsletter. For Fall Montajejan will write about literary groups. For Winter 2017 the 2017 Bi-centennial Event will be featured with the 1717 map. Ed pointed out that a few years ago, they received newspaper clippings from the original Daily Local News.

#### Any Other New Business

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

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

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

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

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary