

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday December 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Dolores Higgins, Judy Schafer, Montajeane Gay, and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Others present were Kathryn Yahraes.

**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

CCHS - Chester County Historical Society	NR - National Register of Historic Places
BOS - Board of Supervisors	LHD - Living History Day
BSS - Blacksmith Shop	NHD - National History Day
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 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**

Chris R. led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, then asked all present for a moment of silence to remember those who serve in our military service and the families of those lost in Calif.

**Minutes - November 12,2015**

Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dolores reported that all receipts have been submitted for 2015.

**Chairperson's Report**

Chris opened the meeting by welcoming George Bittles and Ady McGowan from Berkshire-Hathaway Home Services, who requested to meet with the HC concerning Historic Resource 1680 East Boot Road - The Clock Tower Farm House property. The property is on the market and they are looking for information concerning the historic resource ordinance to ensure that they understand the ordinance so they can answer questions presented by potential new owners. The house is a Class 2 Resource. Kathryn provided George and Ady with a copy of the ordinance. Discussion followed on what a new owner could do with the house; i.e. additions, sub-divisions, getting the clock working again. What changes can be done to the interior and exterior. What adaptive reuse could be done. Discussion of sewer and water, at present it is public water but on site sewer. The HC will be very happy to work with them and any new owner. We would love to see as little change as possible but we do recognize the potential for change. George and Ady were recommended to speak with Mark Gordon concerning potential zoning change request, clarification of the sewer situation for possible hook up to public sewer,

as well as questions concerning sub-division of the property. There are several people who are potential buyers including a builder who would want to sub-divide. The present owners are very desirous of a quick sale. If the property does not sell in the near future the property will be put up for auction.

## **Old Business**

### 2015 HC Objectives update:

Historic Event - Artisan's Fair **Complete**

Historic Properties Project continues. Chris and Judy continue to input data on the historic properties. All the class 1 properties have been entered in the township data base. One of the decisions we want to make concerns the name of the properties. Rather than use the names of today's owners we want to use the name of the original owner also clarification of the year when the buildings were constructed.

Misc Research Update - Ed presented another update of the 1817 township map with the roads of the time period. Further projects include additional family research and more road placement changes.

Floor Cloth - Dolores reported that the Floor cloth has arrived. It is in the Plank House and once it acclimates to the temperature, we will be able to unroll it. Dolores plans to do this over the weekend, even rolled up it looks great. The paint colors match or blend with the house perfectly.

## **New Business**

Installation of new Officers: Effective Jan. 1, 2016

Dolores Higgins - Chairman

Ellen Carmody - Vice Chair

Montajeau Gay - Treasurer

National Trust for Historic Preservation Donation Request was received by the HC: personal donations are allowed but township monies (ie tax monies) should not be used in this way.

The Dark Valley and Tredyfffin Questers are due to hold their meeting at the BSS Meeting Room in March, 2016

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

none

## **Liaison Reports**

none

## **Correspondence and Public Comment**

March 12 CCPHN Spring Workshop; Volunteer recognition dinner is scheduled for a Dinner at the Downingtown Country Club on June 22.

Chester Co National History Day if you wish to participate, training is Feb 13 and event day is Mar 4 & 5.

Suggestion for a future Dec event at the PH, do a Christmas event like Sugartown.

## **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Higgins  
Historical Commission Member