

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2016**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Dolores Higgins, Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody, new member Toby Gelman and non-voting member Ed Lendrat.
Others present: 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

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 those who serve in our military.

Minutes

Minutes of December 10, 2015 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Dolores mentioned that Montajeau will be the treasurer for 2016. No report this month.

Chairperson's Report

Dolores introduced Toby Gelman, the Commission's newest member. Toby just moved here from Uwchlan and was very active there.

At the recent Annual ABC meeting, Senya announced that he met with West Goshen to start working on the Bi-Centennial Celebration in 2017.

Old Business

Historical Resources Update – Ed reported that he completed the research on 7 properties and has to type it.

He also reported that he will be a part-time employee for the CCHPN researching homeowners in New Garden in the 1700's.

Sinclair Lake – George Ashbridge built a mill in 1717 called Goshen Mill. There was a request for 2 roads to access it. The dam was flooded in 1839 and rebuilt in 1890. In

1906 the dam was breached. In 1929 the farm was sold with a plan to construct a lake. The 1954 map shows Sinclair Lake.

Ed has completed the 1817 map. Dolores would like to have it ready by June 1, 2016 to have it copied and ready for distribution 1/1/17.

East Goshen will participate in Town Tours in 2017. Kathryn pointed out that, in the Township History in the Orientation Manual, it states that East and West Goshen were divided on 8/7/17. We should try to have the Town Tour close to that date.

2016 Objectives

a. Artisan's Fair June 4, 2016 – Ellen reported that she has received several yes answers from people who were asked to participate this year. It will be similar to the 2015 event. Part of the event will be a presentation honoring Ben Rohrbeck.

b. Historic Properties update – Judy and Ed are working on putting the properties in order.

c. Historic Preservation Standards – Chris spoke with Monica Close and Dan Daley of the Planning Commission about partnering on a review of these standards. Chris has requested that the County come and give a presentation.

1680 E. Boot Road – Known as the Clocktower property, it has been purchased by a couple who want to keep as much of the original historic building as possible.

Orientation Manual – A link to the manual was sent to everyone. Jon Altshul has printed copies if you want one.

CCHPN Spring Workshop will be held on March 12, 2016 at the Brandywine River Museum from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. From 12:30 to 2:00 pm there is an optional luncheon and chance to meet the presenters. Kathryn encouraged everyone to come.

NEW BUSINESS

1601 Paoli Pike – Perakis Property. Mr. Perakis has recently removed almost all of the trees from this property. Since some of them were dead, it appears he is merely cleaning up the property.

DATES OF INTEREST

- a. Jan 15 – Emergency Preparedness Kickoff Meeting
- b. Feb 6 – Historic Sugartown Cabin Fever
- c. Mar 3, 4 – National History Day – CCHS
- d. Mar 12 – CCHPN Spring Workshop
- e. April 2,3 – CCHS Antique Fair
- f. June 4 – Artisan's Fair
- e. June 22 – CCHPN Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Downingtown Country Club.

ANY OTHER MATTER

Toby mentioned that Uwchlan had a school reunion of some of the people who attended the original schools there. She would like to do the same in East Goshen. She was given the names of some people to contact.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary