

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2016**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday March 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Vice Chairman Ellen Carmody, Chris Reardon, Toby Gelman, Judy Schafer, Montajejan Gay and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Other present: Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor.

**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

CCHS - Chester County Historical Society

BOS - Board of Supervisors

BSS - Blacksmith Shop

CCHPN - Chester Co Historical Preservation Network

DAR - Daughters of the American Revolution

HRIS - Historical Resource Impact Study

NR - National Register of Historic Places

LHD - Living History Day

NHD - National History Day

PHMC-PA Historical Museum Commission

SAR - Sons of the American Revolution

TTVW - Town Tours & Village Walks

**Call to Order**

Ellen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**

Ellen 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 February 11, 2016 were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report**

Montajejan reported that she submitted the receipts for Dolores and request for check to CCHPN for the workshop. Chris mentioned that the check for CCHPN is being returned. Since East Goshen is a member we don't have to pay for Commission members to attend. Also, he mentioned that the date of the workshop is changed from March 12 to April 16. He will not be able to attend on the new date

**Old Business**

Historical Resources Update – Ed provided copies of his report on 1601 Paoli Pike and Griffith Owen the original owner.

Also he gave everyone a copy of an email from resident Baxter Wellmon addressing the Milltown Dam and providing some history of it.

When Ed researched the spring house in Applebrook by the Chamber of Commerce building, he found that they weren't listed in the deeds until 1829. Joseph Garret was the owner.

Line Drawings – Ed had a brochure from Las Vegas, NM that had line drawings of their historic homes in it. A discussion of the historic homes and ways to acknowledge them followed.

## 2016 Objectives

- a. Artisan's Fair June 4, 2016 – Ellen reported that some more vendors are coming. Chris verified that the plaque for Ben will be put in the Blacksmith Shop.
- b. Historic Properties update – Judy reported that she is still organizing the files to scan.
- c. Historic Preservation Standards – Chris is making files for the Historic Ordinance. He will ask Monica Close to attend the May meeting to discuss this project. He will also contact Karen Marshall to come and tell us what other municipalities are doing. Carmen explained that the current rules are very old and need to be updated.

## Other Old Business:

1. Judy reported that the quilt is almost done. She and Dolores selected some medallions to use on the edge.
2. Ed spoke with Cliff who is almost done his work on the 1817 map.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Volunteers – It was decided to be open in May & June and September & October, Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Montajeon volunteered to put together a schedule for summer tours. She will also contact volunteers. Ellen mentioned that the grant they were considering requires 100 days/year for the buildings to be open so we wouldn't qualify. Carmen asked about attendance on Saturdays. Chris and Montajeon said it is enough to make it worthwhile. A minimum of 2 volunteers is needed, 1 in the Plank House and 1 in the Blacksmith Shop. Ellen mentioned that signs are needed on Paoli Pike the days we are open. It was suggested to use the Township electronic signs and maybe put an additional sign in front of the Township Building.

Training & Clean Up Day - Chris mentioned that April 30 is training and clean up day at the Historic area. Chris feels the window frames need to be replaced in the Plank House. He will make a list of items that need attention then walk through with Mark Miller.

School Reunion – Toby is still waiting for input from residents who might be interested.

New Neighbor Program - Chris suggested starting a new neighbor program to welcome new owners of historic homes. Many people associate the Historic Commission with the HARB in West Chester.

## **SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

1. 943 Cornwallis Drive – The Commission reviewed this and felt there was no impact to historic buildings.

### **DATES OF INTEREST**

- a. April 2,3 – CCHS Antique Fair
- b. April 16 – CCHPN Spring Workshop
- c. June 4 – Artisan's Fair
- d. June 22 – CCHPN Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Downingtown Country Club.

### **LIAISON REPORT**

Board of Supervisors – Carmen reported that WEGO Police Department is going through the process to get accreditation from the PA Board. They check everything and require massive training of the officers. It is complex and looks like it will come through in March. This will help lower insurance premiums, with public outreach and morale of the officers. They are currently hiring part-time officers and trying to move current part-timers to fulltime.

The BOS viewed a slide presentation of the Park Master Plan and approved it.

On March 22 there will be a meeting at the Goshen Fire Company on Park Ave. about the Milltown Dam. The engineers report is on the website.

### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

Judy mentioned that the owner of the one Historic house in Bow Tree has a file of history about the house. Chris wants to meet with him.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Toby moved to adjourn the meeting. Montajeau seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary