

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday April 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Dolores Higgins, Judy Schafer, and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Others present: Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor and 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 March 10, 2016 were approved as corrected.

Chairman's Report

Carmen introduced the two new members of the Commission – Eileen Battavio and Mary Urbine. Toby Gelman resigned. Dolores welcomed them and reviewed what the Commission does during the year.

Treasurer's Report

None

Old Business

Artisans Fair – Sat. June 4 is the annual Artisans Fair. Dolores reported that Mark Miller and Chas walked through the historic area this week to review repairs. A bid is out for the HVAC in the Plank House. White washing outside and painting inside will be done next year. Dolores and Ellen will record an ad for Hershey's Mill Channel 20.

Historical Resources Update – Ed provided copies of his report on Spring Houses in East Goshen starting in 1829. Before that time they were lumped together with the house but in 1829 they were separated and linked to a property.

2016 Objectives

- a. Artisan's Fair June 4, 2016 – See above.
- b. Historic Properties update – Judy reported that they started scanning information into the Township's database.
- c. Historic Preservation Standards – No report.

Other Old Business:

1. Judy finished the quilt for the Plank House. It is beautiful.

NEW BUSINESS

Training & Clean Up Day – Dolores reminded everyone that April 30 is training and clean up day at the Historic area starting at 10:00 am. Chris will train in the blacksmith shop and Dolores will train in the Plank House. They will liaison with the Conservancy Board to remove certain dead trees at the Plank House and multi flora in Applebrook Park at the spring house. Also there is an old bridge in Applebrook Park that is covered by invasives. Kathryn mentioned that work is being done to create a disease resistant Chestnut tree.

DATES OF INTEREST

- a. April 16 – CCHPN Spring Workshop. The date was changed. Call Kathryn if you want to attend.
- 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. The Township received a \$1 million grant for the Trail. Rick Smith and Marty Shane will receive awards at PSATS on April 19th. The BOS will meet on May 25 at 9:30 am to work on their strategic plan. The Milltown Dam and Hershey Mill Dam decisions have to be made this year.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary