

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2016**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday May 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Dolores Higgins, Chris Reardon, Judy Schafer, Ellen Carmody, Eileen Battavio, Montajeon Gay 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 April 14, 2016 were approved.

**Chairman's Report**

Dolores commented that the bid for the HVAC for the Plank House was granted. They will start next Tuesday May 17, 2016. Everything was moved around to make room for the contractor to do his work. Dolores set Sat. May 21 for clean up and resetting the furniture etc. in the Plank House. Come at 10:00 am.

Dolores asked everyone to take posters and flyers for the June 4<sup>th</sup> Artisans Fair.

The window upstairs has been rebuilt and needs to be painted. Dolores found several gallons of paint in the Twp. Building basement. They will go downstairs after the meeting to check the colors.

**Treasurer's Report**

None

**Old Business**

Historical Resources Update – Ed provided copies of the 1817 map of East Goshen.

Everyone was very pleased with it and thanked Cliff for his help.

Ed is marking springhouses on the map as he finds records of them.

Ed will be meeting with Linda Hicks to review the Hicks family history.

Artisans Fair – Sat. June 4 is the annual Artisans Fair. Ellen commented that the tables for the Colonial Plantation, Sugartown, Paoli and East Goshen will have flyers etc on it where the visitors enter. Also, there will be a map of the event so people can find the vendors etc. New vendor will be a portrait painter. Dolores has modified the 25 signs with the June 4<sup>th</sup> date. She will have them on Sat. There was discussion about where to put them. Carmen suggested they contact the Fire Co to have it put on their electronic sign.

### 2016 Objectives

- a. Artisan's Fair June 4, 2016 – See above.
- b. Historic Properties update – Chris & Judy reported that they started scanning the Class 1 and Class 2 files. Ed checks everything, Judy organizes the file and Chris scans the data. 50 files are done. They are working on the next 20 and there are about 40 more after that. They are pulling those properties that may not be historic for review.
- c. Historic Preservation Standards – At the next meeting in June, Jeanine Spiers will be here to discuss what other municipalities have as historic preservation standards.

### Other Old Business:

Garden – The subject of having a garden at the Plank House was discussed. Carmen mentioned that if they could provide him with a picture of a typical garden he will see if a garden club would install and maintain it. Dolores feels an herb garden would be best.

### NEW BUSINESS

1603 E Strasburg– Dolores mentioned that this house is for sale. She feels the Commission should get pictures since it has some historic value. It has been refurbished into 2 apartments.

Damage at Historic area – Dolores reported that someone turned from N. Chester Rd. onto E. Boot Road and knocked down the detour sign, knocked down the fence post and moved a large stone.

Detour – The BOS expect the repair of the bridge on E. Boot Road to be done the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June. The BOS wants to have a ribbon cutting so Carmen will remind them not to have it on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Blacksmith – Dolores mentioned that they have a new blacksmith, Gary Kerschner who had his own blacksmith business. All of the weekends for Spring are covered.

### DATES OF INTEREST

- a. June 4 – Artisan's Fair
- b. June 22 – CCHPN Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Downingtown Country Club. Kathryn mentioned that it starts at 5pm and there are only 80 seats. Let her know if you want to attend.

### LIAISON REPORT

Board of Supervisors – Carmen reported that the BOS has closed Hibberd Lane to through traffic until the E. Boot Road bridge is done.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary