

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2016**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday June 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Dolores Higgins, Chris Reardon, Judy Schafer, Ellen Carmody, Eileen Battavio, and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Others present: Mark Gordon (Zoning Officer) Monica Close (Planning Commission) Jeannine Speirs (Chester Co. Planning Commission) and Kathryn Yahraes.

COMMON ACRONYMS:

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| 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 May 12, 2016 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Dolores has submitted receipts for the Artisan's Fair.

Old Business

Artisans Fair – Held Sat. June 4 review – Estimated 300 people attended. There was good feedback from the artisans. It was good to have the kids in a separate area. Dolls were a hit. There may be an event in October on a Saturday because there was a comment that the felt dolls would make cute ornaments, so we could sell them. Special thanks to the Public Works Department for their invaluable help. They came early to set up the tents and were very helpful. Next year have bottled water for sale. Kathryn suggested that the day be called Living History Day/ Artisan Fair.

Historic Preservation Ordinance – Chris provided copies of the current ordinance. Chapter 240 Article VI (240.6) has the definition of class 1 & 2 Historic Resources. Mark Gordon read the Comprehensive Plan comments and objectives – Resource Protection Plan. Chris commented that lately there have been some requests to take properties off the list.

Jeannine mentioned that general observation of the East Goshen ordinance compared to others is that it is solid and simple. More municipalities are combining Class 1 & 2. She suggested that East Goshen do the same because the ordinance doesn't treat the two classes differently. The procedures for addition or subtraction of resources are being challenged. A lot of municipalities are discussing how to handle historic resources that are falling into disrepair and should be demolished (demolition by neglect). Resources can be mothballed for 10-20 years as long as they are maintained. Allowing additional use of a resource (shop, lawyers office etc.) can help generate income to help maintain the resource. She suggested some ordinances to look at. Kennett Township has started an "At Risk" property list where the Historic Commission works with the owner. They also have a program where they acknowledge the people who are maintaining a Historic Resource. They are starting to see teardowns, which are impacting the properties around them. Historic Impact Studies are part of all Historic Ordinances. She recommended a person who will do a seminar for the HC and provide grant information. She commented that a historic resource should be identified as such on subdivision plans and the Historic Commission should review those plans. She saw in the Solar part of the East Goshen ordinance that a historic resource can't have a solar array on it. She feels this should be reconsidered. Ed provided a map showing the construction dates of the primary roads in East Goshen.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark explained what DAS (distributed antennas) is and mentioned that Andy Ralf will be at the August 3, 2016 Planning Commission meeting to discuss this.

DATES OF INTEREST

a. 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.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary