

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Charles Proctor, Kelly Bidegary, Sally Shabaker, Mary Urbine and Ed Lendrat. Others in attendance: Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Mary led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked for a moment of silence to remember those who serve in our military and our first responders.

Minutes

This is the first meeting of the reorganized Historical Commission.

Introductions

Each member gave their name and where they live in East Goshen. Also they gave some background about their interest in history.

Election of Officers

Mary nominated Chuck for Chairman. Sally seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous. Chuck nominated Mary for Vice Chairman. Kelly seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

2018 Goals

Chuck led a discussion of the following goals:

1. Increase membership to 5-7 people. Chuck advised Ed, who was a non-voting member of the original Historical Commission, to apply to the Board of Supervisors to be a voting member.
2. Mission statement. The Commission members will work on this later.
3. Budget. Chuck mentioned that the Commission's budget is \$3,500.
4. Reach out and renew contacts with neighboring municipalities with similar interest.
5. Reach out to other historical groups (i.e. Chester County Historical Association) to coordinate resources and activities. Chuck mentioned that for the Bicentennial the Battle of the Clouds was presented. It was very interesting. Sally recommended that the Commission become a member of the State Historical Preservation Office. Also, our historic resources should be on the State list. She showed a map of the resources on the State list. There were items in the municipalities around East Goshen but none in East Goshen. Chuck mentioned that National History Day is being held on April 6 – 7. Training for judges is March 3. He will send contact information to the Commission members and encouraged them to consider signing up to be a judge.
6. Promote our historic district of Goshenville by sponsoring activities.
7. Analyze the possibility of becoming a 501(c)(3). Chuck explained the process of donating.

New Business

1. Newsletter Articles – Mark will write an article for the next newsletter highlighting that the Historical Commission is looking for volunteers. Sally would like to do an article that would be due in May. The Hershey Mill Dam and Milltown Dam were discussed as possible topics. Mark will send out a constant contact notice about the Commission.

2. Plank House needs to be cleaned. Mary commented that they need to be very careful of the items in the house and the floors and carpets.

Liaison Report

1. Mark mentioned that Sunoco has paid a fine of \$12.5 million and will be coming back to continue their project. East Goshen is going to court against Sunoco for noise violations.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday March 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary