

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
June 14, 2018
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE
 3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Appoint a Temporary Chairperson**
 - b. **Tour of Blacksmith Shop and Plank House**
 - c. **Battle of the Clouds map presentation**
 4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Historic Resource Maps from Chester County**
 - b. **Mission Statement Discussion**
 5. **APPROVAL of MINUTES**

May 10, 2017
 6. LIAISON REPORTS
 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT
 8. ADJOURNMENT
- **Bold Items indicate new information to review or discuss**

The only exception is one of the bedrooms. Originally, the stairway would have been completely enclosed on the second floor. A very narrow hallway would have been at the top of the stairs with a doorway to each bedroom. Due to the closeness of the space, only one wall was installed and the stairway left open at the top of the stairs. This open room is now used as a museum and the other room is furnished as a bedroom

The only other concession to modern times have been the addition of heating, air conditioning and electricity. The tin wall scones are reproductions and have been electrified to provide lighting. These modifications have been added for the preservation and protection of the house and its contents.

Ownership History

August 28, 1807 - Benjamin Hickman Sr of Westtown (yeoman) to Benjamin Hickman Jr. of East Goshen (wheelwright) 1 3/4 acres part of tract of 115 acres purchased from William Ashbridge on April 1, 1797 in the sum of \$144.

April 16, 1825 - Benjamin Hickman Jr to Eber Hickman 1 3/4 acres and messuage and tenement in the sum of \$2,000.

March 30, 1831 - Eber Hickman to Isaiah Matlack. 8+ acres "it being composed of the lot of 1 3/4 acres... which Benjamin Hickman Jr. granted and conveyed to said Eber Hickman"

December 7, 1833 - Phoebe Matlack, et al & Walter Yarnell Esq. to Eber Hickman. Isaiah died intestate leaving a wife and seven children and insufficient funds to pay his debts.

April 1, 1834 - Eber Hickman of East Goshen to David Statelier of Uwchlan.

March 28, 1842 - David Statelier to William Vance of East Goshen.

April 1, 1843 - William Vance to William P. Worrall of East Goshen.

March 25, 1845 - William P. Worrall to Woodward Brown of East Goshen.

April 1, 1871 - Woodward Brown to Joseph W. Brown of East Goshen.

September 1, 1886 - Joseph W. Brown to Mary Brown, wife of Woodward Brown.

April 12, 1894 - Mary Brown, et al to Joseph W. Brown of Willistown.

May 1, 1925 - Clarence Brown (executor of Joseph W. Brown) to Laura Brown Nields.

July 1, 1965 - Edith Green & Joseph Nields executors for Laura B. Nields, deceased, to Rose Nields, Thomas & Irene Nields.

September 7, 1983 - Rose Nields, Thomas & Irene Nields to Stephen E. Elinsky.

July 31, 1986 - Stephen E. Elinsky to David & Cheryl Richardson.

October 31, 1988 - David & Cheryl Richardson to Robert & Diane Wagner.

1989 - Building dismantled and stored

1999 - House reconstructed in Historic Goshenville. Open to the public for free tours.

MILLTOWN/ HICKMAN PLANK HOUSE CIRCA 1808



**Rte 352 & E. Boot Road
East Goshen Township
West Chester, PA**

**Open Saturdays from 10 - 2 in
May, June, September, October
or by appointment call**

610-692-7171

The Milltown/Hickman Plank House

The Milltown/Hickman Plank House Circa 1808 was originally located at 1330 West Chester Pike, the present home of a Carpet store. In 1989, East Goshen Township had the building dismantled, the pieces numbered and put into storage.

In 1990, a group of concerned citizens formed a non-profit organization to raise money to reconstruct the house in Historic Goshenville at Rte 352 & E Boot Road next to the East Goshen Blacksmith Shop.

The Milltown/Hickman Plank House is listed in the Historic American Building Survey in the Library of Congress.

It is a "Hall & Parlor" style house consisting of four rooms: a kitchen (Hall) and living room (Parlor) on the first floor and two bedrooms on the second floor.

It is constructed of sawn planks approximately 12 inches by 3 inches. The planks are separated by dowels, dovetailed at the corners and fit into front and rear center posts.

The construction is unusual. In typical plank construction, when planks are separated by dowels they fit into corner posts. When the planks are dovetailed, they usually sit upon one another. However, in our plank house the planks are dovetailed at the corners, fit into center posts and are separated by dowels.

The typical "Hall & Parlor" house had fireplaces at the gable ends of the house. Our Plank House has two fireplaces located on an angle in the center of the front wall of the house.

Reconstruction of the Frame

Due to the age of the house and the addition of a two-story section in 1960, not all the original materials were intact when the house was dismantled in 1989. However, most of the planks were in excellent condition and were used in the reconstruction. The front center post had to be replaced and the back center post was repaired. The first level of the planks above the foundation was also replaced.

Vision Panels have been placed in the southeast corner to show the dovetailed planks, on the north side to show the dowel separation and inside on the second floor to show the back center post.

The Siding and Stucco

Unfortunately, none of the original siding was saved when the building was dismantled. The siding on the front of the house is hand-planed cedar siding to reflect the siding of the period.

It appeared that the other three sides were always stucco and never sided. They were probably whitewashed with only the front siding painted since this was a very modest house.

The Interior Reconstruction

The floor joists for the second floor and attic are original as is the flooring in the kitchen, second floor and attic. The flooring in the parlor is 200 year-old oak flooring which was cut to match the thickness of the original flooring in the kitchen.

The attic stairs are mostly original. Only one stair and riser have been replaced. The beaded board wall on the second floor is original.

In 1960, the enclosed stairway from the first to second floor was removed. It has been replaced with materials from another 200 year-old house.

Many of the window sashes are the originals. Some are older than others. They were stripped of the old paint, the glass was removed, sanded and primed. The old glass was then installed. The red paint on the windows closely matches the bottom color found on the oldest window sash.

Three of the four corner shelves in the kitchen are original as is the kitchen mantle. The interior doors are also original.

Very little of the original woodwork remained and has been replaced as necessary.

The interior hinges and lifter bars are either original or have been replaced with antique ones of the period.

Every effort was made to reconstruct the house as it would have looked in 1808.

East Goshen Historic Resources
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 2016

Label	Historic Name	NR Designation
125	Massey, D.C., Property	Eligible
126	Williams, Ellis, House	Listed
127	Goodwin Acres	Listed
128	Garrett, Benjamin, House	Eligible
HD129	Goshenville Historic District	Listed District
HD130	Rocky Hill Historic District	Eligible District

East Goshen Township Historic Resources

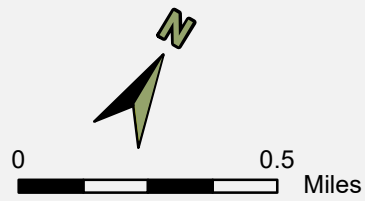
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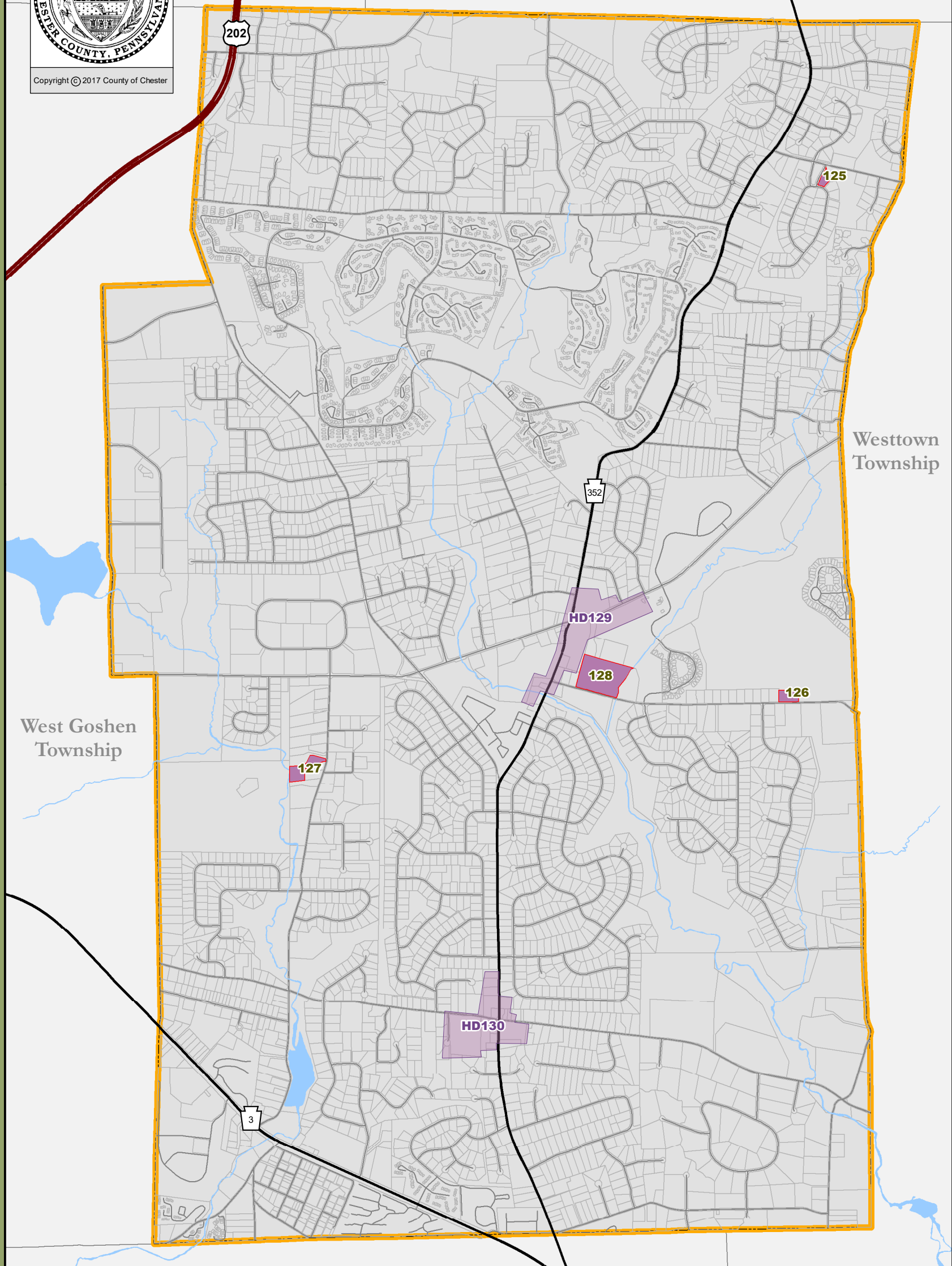
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- National Historic Landmark (NHL) District
- National Register Historic District (HD)
- National Register Structure, Building, Site
- National Historic Landmark (NHL)
- National Register Bridge
- Local Historic District (LHD)



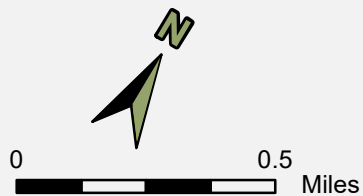
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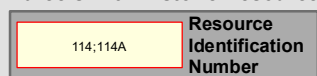
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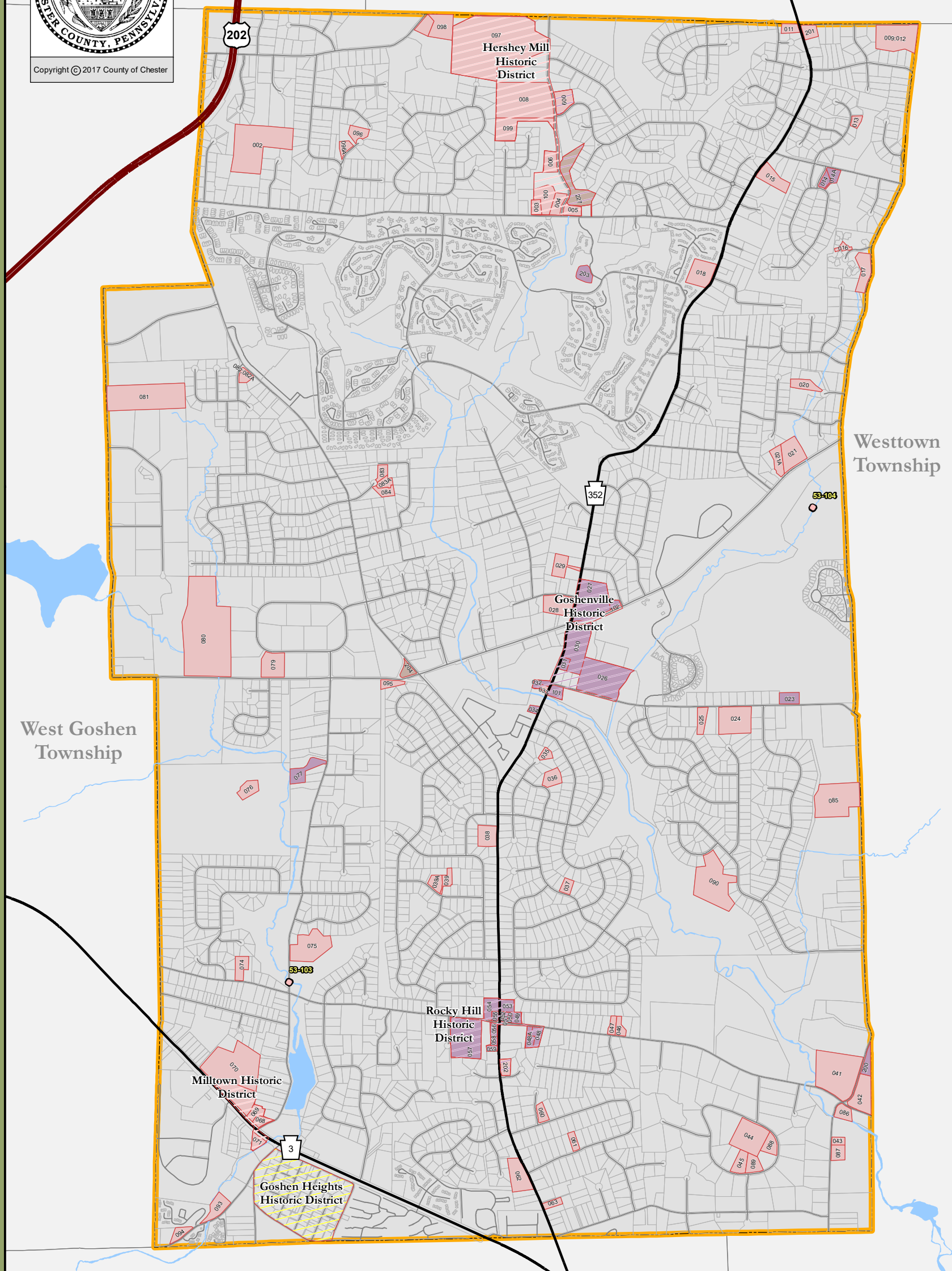
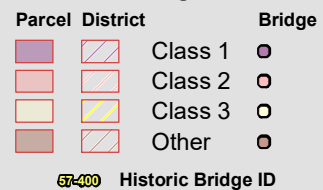


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Class Designations



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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
May 10, 2018

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Sally Shabaker, Kelly Bidegary, Kathleen Lynch and Ed Lendrat. Others in attendance: Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer.

Call to Order – Mark called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance - Mark led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for our military and first responders.

Any Other Matter

1. Dolores Higgins, former member of the Historical Commission, commented that the clock at the Plank House needs maintenance and the spinning wheel needs a new drive belt. She knows where these can be fixed. Also, the Plank House hasn't been cleaned yet. Mark will ask Mark Miller to follow up on the cleaning. Sally moved to let Dolores take these two objects for cleaning and maintenance. Kathleen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Also Dolores does not recommend letting groups use the community room at the Blacksmith Shop. The Commission members agreed with her.

New Business

a. Mark welcomed Ed Lendrat as a full member of the Historical Commission.

b. Windshield Tour – Mark made arrangements to take the Commission members on a riding tour of the historic properties on Hershey Mill Road. He will stop at 980 and 1030 Hershey Mill Road. The homeowners of 980 Hershey Mill Road invited the Commission members for a tour through the first floor of their spectacular home. The Commission was very appreciative. The homeowner of 1030 Hershey Mill Road spoke with the Commission members about the history of the property. The Commission members were very appreciative.

The Commission members returned to the Township Building, thanked Mark for the tour and resumed their meeting.

Old Business

1. Chester County Mapping – Mark reported that the Chester County Mapping Department is working on the East Goshen map.

2. Mission Statement - Mark provided examples of mission statements from other municipalities. Members should read them and be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting were approved.

The minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting were approved as amended.

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3 **Liaison Report**

4 Planning Commission – Mark reported that the Planning Commission is working on a
5 zoning amendment for Open Space Residential. The Historic Commission will be involved
6 in any historic resource projects.
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9 **Adjournment**

10 There being no further business, Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly seconded
11 the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
12 The next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
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15 Respectfully submitted,
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19 Ruth Kiefer
20 Recording Secretary
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