

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chuck Proctor, Ed Lendrat, Ted Roberts, Kelly Bidegary and Kathleen Lynch. Others present : Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer.

Call to Order – Chuck called the meeting to order.

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

Minutes

The minutes of the September 13, 2018 and October 15, 2018 meetings were approved.

New Business

1. 908 Saddlebrook Drive – Susan Degus owner, called the township requesting her house history. Ed mentioned that he has a file on 909 but not 908. Mark will check on the property and respond. Cassie had a picture of the house and a sales history. It is not listed on the Township list of historical properties. Ed mentioned that in 1980/1981 the County did an evaluation of properties. Mark mentioned that the list was made in 1999. The Historic Ordinance was adopted in 2002.

2. Southeastern PA National History Day for 2019. This will be held on March 29 & 30, 2019 at the Chester County Historical Society. Chuck mentioned that if anyone wants to be a judge for this event, registration starts December 12th and training is February 23, 2019.

3. Plank House Repairs – Mark Miller provided a list of the repairs that have been done to the Plank House as follows:

- Rebuilt all the windows and the exterior excess door
- Replaced rotted fascia boards
- Pressure washed the building
- Put a sealer on the exterior walls prior to painting
- Painted all the windows inside and out and the exterior of the building
- Tightened up the entire exterior of the house so it will hold the heat and prevent water leakage

The work was done by a local contractor that only works on historic structures. They have to replace the front door frame, which will be done in the spring. Mark gave a short history of the process to get the plank house moved from Milltown on West Chester Pike to the township historic area.

4. Chuck received an email from Dolores Higgins and Ellen Carmody, former members of the Historical Commission regarding a meeting with them. Mark encouraged having a meeting with them. Ted suggested having a meeting with the homeowners in the spring at the Plank House and include former HC members.

5. Sullivan House – The Commission would like to add it to the list. Chuck will contact Ed McFalls.

Old Business

1. **Ornament** – Ted placed the order for ornaments of the Blacksmith Shop. Chuck mentioned that he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting and gave them his activity report of the Historical Commission. He also reported that Jon Altshul has received the invoice for the ornaments. Ted mentioned that the ornaments may be here by December 7th in time for the Township ABC Appreciation Party. Chuck suggested that they charge \$20.00 for the public and \$15.00 for ABC members, township employees, Police and Firemen. Everyone agreed. Ted mentioned that the mold is made so this year's ornament can be ordered in the future. The ornaments will be available in the Township Building lobby and at the Holiday Tree Lighting. It should be advertised on the Township Website and Facebook page. Mark suggested displaying it in the jewel case on the wall of the entrance to the lobby.

2. **House Plaques** – Ted provided samples from a website of possible wood plaques. He also mentioned that the plaques can be made of aluminum which is the most expensive - \$200 to \$300 per plaque. Vinyl on metal is the least expensive. Cedar is a good wood but would have to be restored after a few years. He had pictures of plaques that were hand made and painted. He suggested that maybe they could be made at the Blacksmith Shop. It's only 1 per year. The average cost is \$150.00 and homeowners would have to pay for the plaque. Chuck knows a wood worker and will talk to him about this program.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cassie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary