

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 9, 2021**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday September 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Members in attendance are indicated in **bold**:

Mary Urbine, Chairman

Ted Roberts, Vice Chairman

Kelly Bidegary,

Ed Lendrat,

Charles Proctor, Esq.

Dan McCall

Others Present: Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer,

John Hertzog, Township Supervisor

David Ware, Township Finance Director

John R. Embick, Esq.

Call to Order

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Mary led the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked for a moment of silence for our military, all COVID patients and others trying to get the vaccine shots.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting were approved.

New Business

1. Goshen Monthly Meeting request for Historical Marker - Mark introduced Mr. John Embick, attorney for the Goshen Meeting. They are requesting a bench and historical marker.

Mr. Embick mentioned that the Quakers have been here for over 300 years. He is an environmental attorney in West Chester and is volunteering for the Friends. They want a marker to give people information about the Quakers and the Friends Meeting House. He provided a map to show where they would like to put the sign and bench, on the southeast side of the intersection of Paoli Pike and N. Chester Road (Rte. 352) along the Paoli Pike Trail. Also, they would like input from the Commission about the wording on the sign. He spoke about the historical events that happened in this area. He lives in Westtown but uses the Paoli Pike Trail and East Goshen Park. He provided pictures of the area where they would like to place the bench and sign. The school was established in 1950. They would like a wooden bench with a dedication plaque.

John Hertzog asked about the sign ordinance. Mark explained that they don't need a permit for this type of sign, only approval by the Board of Supervisors. He mentioned the other signs in this historic area which are made of fiberboard and last about 20 years. Mary commented that a wooden bench won't last long. John Embick commented that they prefer wood and understand it will have to be replaced. The placement of the bench and type of sign were discussed.

Ted made a motion that the Goshen Monthly Meeting develop the design and finalize a location for the sign and bench and return to the Historical Commission for final review and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business contd

2. 2022 Budget – Dave mentioned that we are in budget season. The proposed budget for 2022 will be discussed by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting next Tuesday. Dave stops by the Blacksmith Shop to see what Gary needs. There is usually a \$500 budget for the BSS. Gary gets donations which cover most of his costs. Ornaments were discussed and will be put back in the budget. \$1,500.00 was approved for the Historical Commission 2022 budget.

Old Business

1. Ocktoberfest - This event will be held on October 16, 2021 in partnership with the Park & Recreation Commission. Mark saw the commemorative beer can with the Blacksmith Shop on it that Locust Lane Brewery made. Ted wants to sell ornaments at this event. He will contact Jason Lang.

Land Development Plan

Malvern Institute - Mark explained that under the Historic Preservation Ordinance any Land Development plan within 200 feet of a historical resource needs to have a Historical Resource Impact Study (HRIS) done. Malvern Institute is requesting a waiver from this requirement. This is a class 2 building and had modification done in the past. In 1982 the addition was done, and they want to put a second story on the addition. He reviewed the plans with the Commission members. Kelly disagrees with the request for a waiver. Kelly made a motion that the Historical Commission recommend denial of the waiver request for the Malvern Institute Land Development application. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Any Other Matter

1. Mark mentioned that Marty Shane is still in rehab and improving slowly.
2. Mark reported that in this last storm from Hurricane Ida, Mark Miller and the Public Works staff rescued four people from a car in deep water.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ted moved to adjourn the meeting. Kelly seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary