

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, February 14, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. MINUTES – January 2012**
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Activity Calendar – Additions and Changes**
- 5. TREASURER’S REPORT**
- 7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Misc. Research for Historical Resources– (Ed)**
 - B. Focus Project Assignments for 2013 (all)**
 - B. Events scheduled for 2013 – (Ellen and Kathryn)**
 - C. Museum Archive Program updates (Ellen and Chris)**
 - D. Other Old Business (all)**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Other New Business (all)**
- 10. SUB-DIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**
- 11. LIAISON REPORTS**
- 12. CORRESPONDENCE**
- 13. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody, Monica Close, Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, Sue Ciorletti, and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission, and Ben Rohrbeck and Bill Egan, residents.

COMMON ACRONYMS:

BOS – Board of Supervisors

BSS – Blacksmith Shop

CCHS – Chester County Historic Society

CCHPN – Chester County Historical Preservation Network

DAR – Daughters of the American Revolution

HRIS – Historical Resource Impact Study

LHD – Living History Day

NHD – National History Day

NR – National Register of Historic Places

PHMC – PA Historical Museum Commission

SAR – Sons of the American Revolution

TTVW – Town Tours & Village Walks

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chris led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Chris asked for a moment of silence for our troops.

MINUTES

The Chairman noted that the minutes of December 13, 2012 were approved as corrected.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

A. Kathryn started to set up the 2013 calendar. She kept some events from 2012 on the calendar and marked the dates TBA. Two dates were given to her – 3/10 Charter Day and 4/27 Historic Sugartown Day.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Monica distributed the latest report. Ellen submitted two invoices which were just approved by the BOS. Chris will invite Jon Altshul to the March meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Ben reported that he just repaired the blower in the BSS. He is concerned that it may have been over used on Living History Day. One of the student volunteers sent Ben an email requesting more training. Ben reminded everyone that a trained adult must be with juveniles when using the BSS.

B. Chris mentioned that one of the student volunteers is starting a business making jewelry and tomahawks and would like to sell them in the BSS. The Commission members agreed not to allow selling of merchandise in the Historic area.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Miscellaneous Historic Research – Ed distributed information about properties on Hershey Mill Road (1010, 1013 & 1030). He is researching properties on West Chester Pike (1337, 1339 & 1344). Karen Marshall will attend the February 14th meeting to discuss properties that were here during the Battle of the Clouds.

B. Events – Living History Day - Ellen distributed a layout for Living History Day showing some changes, which she reviewed. First, there will be no hot air balloon. Mike does have some photos of the original “The Atlantic” hot air balloon and some artifacts from it. Second, Mike wants to put the telegraph in the Plank House. There will be a tent outside for Mike’s photography and the hot air balloon artifacts. During set up, people can drive into the parking lot to drop off supplies. However, when the event starts, cones will be placed across the entrance. Lincoln was discussed. Monica mentioned that as part of the events for the West Chester Christmas Parade, they had people read the Gettysburg Address in front of the Lincoln Building. This is something people could participate in. Chris asked the members to bring their ideas about Lincoln to the next meeting.

Town Tour – This will be held on July 25th and they will repeat most of Living History Day. January Volunteer Meeting will be held on the 23rd. Kathryn will start to make contact with opportunities for advertising.

C. Museum Archive Program – Chris commented that this computer program did not work well for the Commission, so it was returned and Chris designed a spreadsheet. He distributed a copy and explained what was on it, where the information will come from and how Commission members will be able to access it.

Ellen mentioned that the Commission needs to start using a form for donations listing the item being donated, the donor and that the donor is relinquishing ownership of the item. This would help with maintaining the database.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2013 Goals – Chris distributed a copy of the report he will present this Saturday, January 12, 2013 at the Annual ABC meeting. The time has been changed to start at 9 am. The HC will be second on the agenda.

ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Judy read in the Conservancy Board minutes that they plan to put dogwood trees along E. Boot Road. Erich explained that they will be between the road and the walkway behind the PH.

B. Kathryn mentioned that the Tiger Cubs meeting was postponed. Ben said the work is not finished in the BSS. Kathryn will check with Mark Miller.

Kathryn reviewed some events that are being held in January. Everyone received an invitation to a reception for the new director of Historic Sugartown on 1/22/13 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

So far Kathryn will be the only one judging at National History Day in March.

Kathryn mentioned that there will be a tribute to Jane Davidson in The Ledger in April.

C. 1631 E Strasburg Rd – Kathryn reported that Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer, wrote a letter to the owner, who wants to demolish this historic resource, informing them that they can’t just demolish a historic building, and outlining what they will have to do if they want to demolish it. As far as she knows, there has been no response from the owner.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Park & Recreation Commission – Erich reported that the Winter Farmers Market started on Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Public Works Building, 3:30 – 6:00 pm and will be held every other Thursday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Bill Egan was doing research on his family heritage and came across J. Henderson Talley, Esq. who lived in East Goshen in 1861. He wants to get more information. Ed recommended going to the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester and the Mormon genealogy website.

1 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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8 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary
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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AS OF 020613

JANUARY 2013

10 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
12 (Sat) EGT Annual Planning Session 9:00 am
23 (Wed) LHD Planning Session (at BSS) 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2013

14 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
18 (Sat) Nat'l History Day – Judge's Orientation–9:00-11:30 am
23 (Sat) Nat'l History Day Competition Judging –
8:00 am – 1:00 pm -- Immaculata University

MARCH 2013

1 (Wed) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 4/2]
9 (Sat) CCHPN Conference 8:00 am– 1:00 pm
10 (Sun) Charter Day – Brandywine Battlefield – 12-4pm
FREE
10 (Sun) Charter Day – any PHMC site – 12-4:00 pm – FREE
14 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
23 (Sat) Annual Egg Hunt 10:00 am– 12:00 noon (RAIN DATE 3/24)
TBA (Sun) Plank House Vol Orientation/Meeting – 1:00 pm

APRIL 2013

6 (Sat) Keep EGT Beautiful Day 8:30 am – Noon
11 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
13 (Sat) CCHS Reception for NHD - CCHS
27 (Sat) Historic Sugartown Day – 10 am – 4 pm
TBA (Sun) LHD Meeting at the BSS

MAY 2013

1 (Wed) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 7/1]
4 (Sat) EGT Yard Sale 9-1 (rain Date 5/5)
9 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
18 (Sat) Plank House opens for the season – Saturdays 10am–4pm
21 (Tues) Primary Election Day

JUNE 2013

1 (Sat) Living History Day - Plank House 11 a.m.- 4 :00 pm
12 (Wed) Fugett Awards Assembly 8th Grade – 8:30 am
13 (Thurs) Kickoff for Village Walks and Town Tours
13 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
19 (Wed) CCHPN Meeting and Volunteer Recognition 5:00: pm
22 (Sat) Community Day and Fireworks -- 4 to dark
(6/24 is Rain Date)

JULY 2013

4 (Wed) Constitution Center July 4 Celebration
11 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
25 (Thur) Town Tour and Village Walk in EGT
29-31 (Mon-Wed) Goshen Fair – evening
TBA (Fri) -- Goshen Friends Camp at PH/BSS – 1-3 pm

AUGUST 2013

1-3 (Thur-Sat) Goshen Fair – evening
7 (Wed) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 10/1]
8 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 2013

11 (Wed) Brandywine Battlefield Commemoration Ceremony 6pm
12 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
14-15 (Sat/Sun) Chadds Ford Days – 10 am to 5:00 pm TENTATIVE
19 (Thurs) Chester County Day Slide Presentation at EGT- 7:00 pm
TBA (Sat-Sun) 1777 Philadelphia Campaign at Brandywine State
Park in Delaware
FRI – 2 pm – 1 am – SET UP
SAT – 10 AM – 4 PM
SUN - 10 AM – 3 PM
TBA (Sat) EGT Yard Sale 9-1 (Sun = raindate)

OCTOBER 2013

5 (Sat) Chester County Day
10 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
13 (Sun) Chili Cook-Off 12-3 pm in West Chester
19 (Sat) Plank House closes for the season
TBA (Sat) Pumpkin Fest EGT Park 10-1 (rain date)
TBA (Sat) Brandywine Battlefield – Halloween Eve - 6-8pm
TBA Fall Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Day

NOVEMBER 2013

5 (Tues) Election Day
6 (Wed) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes by 1/2]
14 (THURS) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
TBA (Sat) Brandywine Battlefield – Patriots Day – 10am – 4pm)

DECEMBER 2013

12 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
TBA (Sat) EGT Neighbor-To-Neighbor Day – 9:00 am to Noon
TBA (Sat) EGT Volunteer TY & Holiday Party 6-9 pm

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

January 18, 2013

East Goshen Township
Authority, Boards and Commissions
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, Pa. 19380

Re: Comprehensive Plan task Force
2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Dear ABC Members:

At their meeting on January 15, 2013 the Board of Supervisors approved the composition and schedule for the Comprehensive Plan Task Force (CPTF). The Task Force will meet monthly over the next eighteen months or so with our planning consultant, John Thielacker from the Brandywine Conservancy, to develop an update to the Township Comprehensive Plan. The Municipal Planning Code (MPC) mandates that the Township update the Comprehensive Plan every 10 years. We have received Vision Partnership Program grant from Chester County for \$28,050 which is equal to 40% of the cost of the project.

East Goshen Comprehensive Plan Task Force (CPTF) composition:

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| Board of Supervisor Member | 1 |
| Planning Commission Members | 2 |
| Park Board member | 1 |
| Conservancy Board Member | 1 |
| Historical Commission Member | 1 |
| Commerce Development Commission Member | 1 |
| Brandywine Conservancy | 2 |
| <u>Zoning Officer</u> | <u>1</u> |
| Total | 10 |

Additional Stakeholders:

- The Municipal Authority will be consulted on as needed basis.
- The Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) will have a representative attend as needed to monitor the project and provide assistance.
- A recording secretary will be provided to keep an official record of each meeting.
- **East Goshen Township residents and property owners. The public is welcome to attend all the CPTF meetings.**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**

Actions for Each ABC:

- Each Board and Commission shall identify a primary and an alternate task force member to serve on the CPTF during their February 2013 Meeting. Only the primary task force members need to attend the CPTF meetings, however in the event of a conflict there is an identified alternate who can fill in.
- Additional ABC members are welcome to attend the CPTF meetings.
- Each ABC shall add a line item to their agenda titled "Comprehensive Plan Update". This is where the respective CPTF member will update their ABC members on the progress of the project and solicit feedback to bring back to the CPTF for consideration.

Administrative Actions:

- The meetings will be open to the public and advertised as required by the Sunshine Act.

Schedule:

- The Comp Plan Update should take approximately 18 months to complete.
- **The meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Township Building in the rear conference room.**
- **The Comp Plan Kick-Off Meeting will be February 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM; All Primary and Alternate Task Force designees should attend the Comp Plan Update Kick Off meeting.**

Please designate a primary and alternate member for the task force during your February 2013 meeting and forward the names of your designees to me. The 2005 Comprehensive Plan is available on our website for your information and use. I will have hard copies of the Comprehensive Plan for each of the designated Task Force Members at your next Meeting.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Zoning Officer

Cc: John Theilacker, Brandywine Conservancy (via email)
Jeannine Speirs, Chester County Planning Commission