

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY July 11, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. MINUTES – June, 2013**
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Activity Calendar – Additions and Changes**
- 5. TREASURER’S REPORT**
- 7. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Misc. Research for Historical Resources– (Ed)**
 - C. Town Talks and Village Walks at East Goshen (Kathryn)**
 - D. Updates on Battle of the Clouds Project (All)**
 - E. Comprehensive Plan Update (Kathryn and Monica)**
 - E. Catalogue of Historic Artifacts (All)**
 - F. Other Old Business (all)**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. 2014 Budget preparation**
 - B. Return of Historic sites to 18th Century**
 - C. 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
June 13, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday June 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, Sue Ciorletti, William Schultz, Monica Close and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance was Dolores Higgins (resident), Ben Rohrbeck, (resident), Mark Gordon, (Township Zoning Officer), Jim & Maurie Falcone (residents), Christopher Cummings (Boy Scout).

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 7:00p.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.

Chris announced a change in the order of the agenda.

Old Business

Goshen Meadows – David Polatnick, architect, and Scott Fagan, owner, were present. Chris verified that the Planning Commission recommended that the BOS approve this project. Chris reviewed the discussion from the Historic Commission's 12/13/12 meeting about the new structures which were going to blend in and accent the historic building. David verified that they are moving forward with most of the Condition 4 except 4D which is to use stucco, cornice, etc. to match the historic building. Their historic consultant, Tim Noble, told them that the National Park Service does not recommend this. They actually prefer that the new structures accent the historic building not match it. The 5 new buildings will have a total of 60 apartments. The historic building will have 2 apartments and the rental office for the community and a fitness room. They are still looking at colors of siding but it will probably be sage green. Chris commented that the letter from Tim Noble appears to be an opinion of an opinion. Scott mentioned that, at first they thought they would make the new structures the same as the historic but decided it would look better to accent it. Chris told them that he appreciates the time they have taken to preserve the historic house. Chris moved that the Commission accept the renderings of the new buildings and the applicant's testimony before us as satisfaction of condition 4D of the Conditional use approval, and recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Land Development Plan of Goshen Meadows L.P., dated October 17, 2012 and last revised on May 17, 2013. Monica seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Scout Project

Christopher Cummings distributed the proposed plan for the sign board at the Plank House, which will be the service project he needs in order to get Eagle Scout. The sign will be in front of the fence that goes around the Plank House. It will not be higher than the fence. It will be anchored in a rock bed so they won't have to mow around it. Dolores suggested putting metal around the bottom of the posts to prevent damage from weed wackers. Mr. Falcone described how to do this. Chris will purchase the materials which he estimates at \$160 plus the cost of the new metal for the posts. His deadline for completion is July 23 so it will be installed for the Town Talks & Village Walks event on July 25th. The Commission will provide the paint. The Commission approved the project. Christopher will be a high school senior in September and participated in the National History Day 2 years ago.

1 **Volunteer Recognition**

2 On behalf of the Historical Commission, Chris thanked Jim and Maurie Falcone for all of the help they
3 have given to the Commission. Kathryn mentioned that it never occurred to her that they were moving to Florida
4 permanently. Working with them has been rewarding. They always tried new things i.e. Betsy Ross stars, how to
5 make ink, how to make ice cream etc. Maurie remembers when they first came to Living History Day to see what it
6 was about. They saw the ink exhibit and, as chemists, had to research it. That was 10 years ago. She also
7 mentioned that today is their 43rd Wedding Anniversary! Everyone congratulated them. Chris presented them with
8 a certificate.
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10 **Minutes**

11 The Chairman noted that the minutes of May 9, 2013 were approved as corrected.
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13 **Announcements**

14 The calendar of events was reviewed. Kathryn pointed out some additional dates that are highlighted. She
15 asked those who are planning to attend the CCHPN meeting and Volunteer Recognition next Wednesday, June 19,
16 2013 at Historic Sugartown, let her know.
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18 **Treasurer's Report**

19 Monica commented that she was given \$200 from the township for Living History Day expenses. She has
20 to meet with Ellen to finalize the expenses and revenues for that event.
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22 **Chairman's Report**

23 1. Chris acknowledged the letter from the Township regarding a request for subdivision of a property on
24 Manley Road. This does not involve an historic resource.

25 2. Chris explained that the Advice received from the State clarifies which ABCs have to complete the
26 financial forms required from volunteers. The Historical Commission members do not have to complete the forms.
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28 **Living History Day**

29 Chris thanked everyone for all that they did to make this a successful event again this year. Judy
30 mentioned that she was disappointed that some re-enactors that were anticipated to be there did not show up. Chris
31 did find an email in the HCChair file from one who couldn't come. Chris feels it is important to get a commitment
32 in writing. Kathryn and Ellen will send thank you notes to everyone. Kathryn mentioned the count of visitors was
33 367 by the clicker and with adjusting 425.

34 Judy mentioned that the tents need to be replaced. Two were broken. It isn't clear which tents belong to which
35 ABC. The tents usually go on sale at the end of the summer. Ben suggested storing them in the attic of the Plank
36 House.

37 Dolores feels strongly that the volunteers must come to a meeting before an event to pick up their costumes and get
38 an understanding of what pieces belong together.
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40 **Miscellaneous Research**

41 Ed distributed his research on 1337 West Chester Pike, 1600 Paoli Pike, and 1541 E Strasburg Road. 1600
42 Paoli Pike is the Garrett House which is occupied by the Chamber of Commerce now. It is sometimes referred to as
43 1615 Paoli Pike.

44 Battle of the Clouds – The consultants are reviewing all of the information they received. Ed will meet
45 with Karen Marshall tomorrow. Ed read a note he received from Sean verifying that the information Ed has about
46 several locations, is in fact correct.

47 Ed received an email from Dean Peirce, who grew up in East Goshen and now lives in Texas, with
48 information about the properties and people who lived in the Hershey Mill area. He has deed information and
49 photos which he will scan and email to Ed.
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51 **Events**

52 1. Town Tours and Village Walks, Thursday, July 25th – Kathryn announced that there will be a planning
53 meeting on Wed. June 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Township Building, main meeting room. She has contacted
54 everyone and asked for definite commitments. She needs 12 people to be guides. So far, Dolores wants to have a
55 sewing circle, Bill will have a post office, Chris will display weapons, Dave Kiefer will take pictures, Monica and
56 Joe will be blacksmiths, telegraph will be there, Ed will provide cookies and there may be a blue grass group.

1 Kathryn feels it might be nice to give the people attending the event something so they will want to come back, i.e,
2 gingerbread, corn husk dolls, etc. Dolores commented that it costs \$15 a batch to make the gingerbread from
3 scratch. The feeling of the commission members was that it would cost too much and they didn't feel it would make
4 a difference.

5 2. Kathryn distributed the Saturday schedule for the summer for the Blacksmith shop and Plank house. If
6 possible, there will be 2 shifts – 10 am to 12:30 pm and 12:30 to 3 pm. Please contact her if you can help fill one of
7 the empty slots. She also distributed some notes for these tours.

8 9 **2015 Comprehensive Plan**

10 Monica and Kathryn distributed a packet containing the sections of the current 2005 Comp Plan that relate
11 to historical resources. There are 4 sections: Chapter 1 – Policy Goals & Objectives

12 Chapter 5 – Historic & Cultural Resource Protection Plan

13 Chapter 10 – Action Plan

14 Appendix E – Historic & Cultural Resources Inventory

15 Everyone should read these sections and come to a special workshop meeting to give ideas and suggestions for the
16 new plan. The workshop meeting will be held Wed. July 17. Kathryn will send out a reminder. Also, Monday July
17 22nd is the meeting designated by the Comp Plan Task Force to discuss historic and cultural resources, so Kathryn
18 encouraged everyone to attend that meeting. She mentioned that there are 4 questions to be answered:

- 19 • Where is East Goshen now?
- 20 • Where are we going?
- 21 • Where do we want to be?
- 22 • How will we get there?

23 24 **Historical Commission Office**

25 Judy commented that the lock on the door to the HC office in the Township Building was broken and
26 repaired. She is concerned about other people using the room. She would like to develop a plan where anyone who
27 takes a file out of the office, has to sign it out and, possibly, copy it on the copier in the next room, and return the
28 original to the file cabinet.

29 30 **Post Office of the Month**

31 Bill distributed information about the Wayne Tavern Post Office, from 1814 to 1819, first located in the
32 Steamboat Hotel at the intersection of Rt. 352 and Rt. 30. The name was changed to Frazer Post Office in 1830.
33 The packet contained examples of the postmarks and postage rates of that time.

34 35 **Adjournment**

36 There being no further business, Judy moved to adjourn the meeting. Monica seconded the motion. The
37 meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

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39 Respectfully submitted

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42 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AS OF 070313

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
8 (Mon) Paoli Battlefield Talk & Dinner – General Warren Inn
11 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
13 (Sat) CCHS Reception for NHD – Tours & Displays - CCHS
18 (Thurs) NHD Thank You for Volunteers -- evening
27 (Sat) Historic Sugartown Day – 10 am – 4 pm
TBA (Sun) LHD Meeting at the BSS

MAY 2013

4 (Sat) EGT Yard Sale 9-1 (rain Date 5/5)
9 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
15 (Wed) Newsletter Articles Due [in homes 6/15]
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
Historic Sugartown
22 (Sat) Community Day and Fireworks -- 4 to dark
(6/23 is Rain Date)
26 (Wed) Meeting – TT & V W 6:30-8:30 pm

JULY 2013

4 (Wed) Constitution Center July 4 Celebration

4 (Thurs) Independence Day Activities at Colonial Plantation 11-5

11 (Thurs) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
25 (Thur) Town Tours and Village Walk in EGT
29-31 (Mon-Wed) Goshen Fair – evening

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 Sat Special Day – Regional Sites Phila Campaign Era PH/BSS
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
21 (Sat) "Timeline" Event – Paoli Battlefield – Time TBA
26 (Thurs) Chester County Day Slides – 7 pm
28 (Sat) Paoli Ghost Tour – Paoli – 6 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
26 (Sat) Plank House closes for the season
19 (Sat) Pumpkin Fest EGT Park 10-1 (rain date 10/20)
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 (Thur) HC Meeting 7:00 pm
28 (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