

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY September 12, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. MINUTES – July 17, 2013 & August 8, 2013**
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Activity Calendar – Additions and Changes**
- 5. TREASURER’S REPORT**
- 7. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. 2014 Budget**
 - B. Misc. Research**
 - 1. Historical Resources– (Ed)**
 - 2. Post Office (Bill)**
 - C. Events scheduled for 2013 – (Ellen and Kathryn)**
- Town Talks and Village Walks at East Goshen
 - D. Updates on Battle of the Clouds Project**
 - E. Comprehensive Plan Update (Kathryn and Monica)**
 - F. 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
July 17, 2013

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a workshop meeting on Wednesday July 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, Sue Ciorletti, Monica Close, Ellen Carmody and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance was John Theilacker, Project Manager, Brandywine Conservancy.

COMMON ACRONYMS:

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<i>CCHPN – Chester County Historical Preservation Network</i>	<i>PHMC – PA Historical Museum Commission</i>
<i>CPTF – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Task Force</i>	<i>SCA – Sustainable Communities Assessment</i>
<i>DAR – Daughters of the American Revolution</i>	<i>SAR – Sons of the American Revolution</i>
<i>HRIS – Historical Resource Impact Study</i>	<i>TTVW – Town Tours & Village Walks</i>

INTRODUCTION:

Kathryn opened the meeting by stating that the meeting's purpose is to review the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and make suggestions for the updated 2015 plan. She introduced John Theilacker and turned the meeting over to him. John explained what the updating process is and why it needs to be done. He advised the Commission to use a 20-year horizon. They are considering changing the format of the updated plan because the 2005 plan was difficult to implement in some areas. The updated plan will organize chapters by topical issues and focus on the most important issues.

Part of the process included a Community Visioning Session to invite the public to give their ideas of what East Goshen should be 20 years from now. Although the attendance was low, John and his staff learned a lot from the residents. Because the residents that attended the session were already involved in the township, it was felt that nothing new was discussed.

The SCA was developed for communities to use in assessing their sustainability in the future. East Goshen has a very good historic ordinance. He listed some areas where East Goshen could improve, specifically regarding a town center.

DISCUSSION:

Kathryn started the discussion by giving the following 4 questions to be considered:

1. Where are we today?
2. Where are we going?
3. How would we like East Goshen to be?
4. How do we get there?

Monica feels the township's history is in good shape because Ed has done excellent research on all of the township historic resources.

Ellen mentioned that some owners of historic properties don't have a lot of information about their property.

Chris suggested developing a Historic Resource Outreach Program.

John asked about the township designations of historic resources. Ellen commented that some are on the Township Historic Resource List and some are in a historic area.

Kathryn commented that when the historic ordinance was updated the drive-by assessment only looked at Revolutionary War resources. They did not include resources that are 50 years old or more. Ellen added that "developments" became popular after WW II. She feels it is better to identify these by sub-division names.

Kathryn also pointed out that there are other wars, i.e. war of 1812, WW I, WW II, Korea, Vietnam, etc. that need to be included.

Kathryn mentioned that in 2003 the feeling toward historic resources was "If George Washington didn't sleep there then it's not important". She feels the Historical Commission has accomplished a lot in the last 10 years.

Ed confirmed that the definition for historic resources is 50 years or older (although he and Sue don't think 50 years is old...)

Regarding education/communication of the history of East Goshen, Chris suggested using phases/eras starting with the Rev War. Most of that has been done by Ed. We just need to summarize it into a brochure. The history that is on the township website needs to be reviewed since Ed has discovered some discrepancies in dates. Judy reminded everyone that a bicentennial event will be held in 2017, so we need a handout for that. John asked if there are any properties that should be preserved. Kathryn mentioned that the Clocktower property on E. Boot Road is for sale and the description mentions that it can be subdivided. She feels the Commerce Commission should be involved in finding a solution such as a bed and breakfast for this property. Ellen is concerned about redevelopment since East Goshen is all sold out. She feels the BOS has been open to adaptive reuse of historic resources. Kathryn mentioned that Mark Gordon offered to work with the Historical Commission to compose a welcome letter for new owners of historic resources. Chris commented that the BOS will have to approve anything the HC wants to send out. He suggested using the map Sean Moore will make for the Battle of the Clouds and mail it to the owners of the original 15 homes. Kathryn would like to have Sean show the interactive presentation of the Battle of the Clouds.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES – Chapter 1, 5.0 Historic & Cultural Resources, page 1-4

5A-2 Change to “Create greater community involvement in the Historical Commission”.

Add 5A-3 Investigate the process and cost of applying for the National Historic Registry

Change 5A – 3 to 5A – 4

5B – No changes

5C-1 Change to “Utilize various historic programs & resources to showcase period daily life activities”.

5D – Delete 5D – 1

CHAPTER 5 – Historic and Cultural resource Protection Plan

Page 5-1 – delete 5A-1-6

Page 5-2 - Recommendation 5A-2 – Change title to match 5A-2 above.

Actions Needed: 5A-2-1 Change to “Develop a volunteer recruitment plan”.

Delete 5A-2-2

Recommendation 5A-3 – Change to match new 5A-3 above.

Actions Needed: 5A-3-1 change “Assist in” to “Support the preparation...”

Page 5-3 – No changes

Page 5-4 - Delete 5B-2-2

5B-4-1 delete “program”

Page 5-5 – Remove the word “re-enactment” from Recommendation 5C-1 title & 1st line of the discussion.

From 5C-1-1

From 5C-1-2 and insert “historic events.”

From 5C-1-4

And Delete 5C-1-3.

Page 5-6 – Delete Recommendation 5D-1, Discussion and Actions Needed.

Kathryn thanked everyone for attending the meeting and giving ideas. There will be review of Chapter 10 and Appendix E at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary.

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2013

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday August 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, William Schultz, and Ellen Carmody. Also in attendance was Dolores Higgins (resident)

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<i>HC – Historical Commission</i>	<i>TTVW – Town Tours & Village Walks</i>
<i>HRIS – Historical Resource Impact Study</i>	

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.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of July 11, 2013 were approved as corrected.

Announcements

The calendar of events was reviewed. Kathryn received a preservation planning outline from Karen Marshall. Kathryn will select items for review for the CPTF

Treasurer's Report

Chris reviewed Monica's report. Money from the original 501c3 is to be used for the Plank House only. Kathryn pointed out that several items on the report from the finance department are not correct. She talked to Barb Phillips and corrections should show in next month's report.

Chairman's Report

1. Saddle - Chris reported that the saddle was received from Dean Pierce. It is in the blacksmith shop meeting room. It is an older English saddle with stirrups of cast brass and wool felt pads. Dean provided a written statement about it which will be put in the HC files. There is some stitching that needs to be repaired and it could be cleaned. The only cost is \$63.00 for shipping.
2. Wheels - Bob and Cindy Ellis donated 4 black carriage wheels. Her father ran an antique business. They are wood inserted iron hub, so they are early. They requested that the set remain a set.
3. Donations Procedure - Ellen mentioned that when an item is presented as a gift, the BOS must state in writing that they are going to keep it with a copy to the donor. The HC cannot set a value on the item. The BOS has to take ownership of the item and this should be published in the newsletter. At the end of the year, a report is made listing the items that were given that year. Bill agreed that no value is ever given on historic donations. The CCHS has a form they use when they get a donation. Ellen will write an outline for the donation process.
4. Newsletter - The BOS voted to partner with Hometown Press to provide a paper newsletter. There will be no flexibility in the deadline for articles. The cost will be covered by advertising.

1 5. Tri-State Coalition - Chris reported that they paid \$40 to become a member of the Tri-State Coalition.
2 Ellen explained that this is a group of museums that provide a way of exchanging information among
3 museums. They have a SWAT team which is a group of students who will come and help for 2 weeks on a
4 project if you need them. Also, if the HC has need for a particular item, they will help get it.
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6 6. Sign - Chris reported that the Eagle Scout is digging the footers for the sign. Chris noticed that they
7 are leaving the doors unlocked. He will notify Mark Miller. The display case is brown. The stand is made
8 from treated wood and will be green until it weathers, in about 1 year, and turns gray. It will eventually be
9 the same color as the fence. Everyone agreed not to paint the stand.
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11 Old Business

12 1. Miscellaneous Research

13 a. Historical Resources - Chris reported the County has made decisions on roads based on Ed's
14 research. Chris showed them some photos from the 1930's that show what roads existed then. The railroad
15 is not allowing access to their archives which would show what roads existed at that time.
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17 b. Postal History – Bill's topic this month was Sugartown. The Sugartown post office lasted
18 almost 100 years. It was located at a series of crossroads. Sugartown "covers" are hard to find. The 3rd on
19 the paper he provided is from the Brinton Collection. At one time there were 253 post offices in Chester
20 County. Now there are 53 which will probably be reduced in the future.
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22 2. TT&VW Recap – Kathryn estimates about 200 people attended. She feels we could get a more
23 accurate count by having the tour guides report how many people they had in their groups. Dolores feels
24 the guests should sign in when they arrive. One problem was that, although the event was advertised to
25 start at 5:30 pm, a few people came as early as 4:30 pm. Kathryn reported that we got discounts from
26 Athena Pizza and Philly Pretzels and Swiss Farms donated coolers. There were 40 volunteers. WEGO had
27 the speed sign up on Rt. 352 and Brandywine Radio did an interview. Kathryn thanked Janet Emmanuel
28 for coming to the historic events. There were no other Supervisors present. Chris reported that he received
29 many positive comments.
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31 3. 2014 Budget - Jon Altshul, Township CFO, reported that he is starting to develop the budget for 2014.
32 He needs proposed budgets from the ABCs by Monday, September 9th so a preliminary budget can be
33 presented to the BOS on September 17th. If there are any increases, they must be justified. Chris pointed
34 out that he is going to meet Mark Miller at the historic area to walk the site and determine what needs to be
35 done. Last year the roof on the Plank House was repaired. The contractor who worked on the roof will
36 also give input on what he saw.

37 Ellen asked if the BOS is starting to allocate money for the historic celebration in 2015. Jon doesn't know
38 if a separate account will be set up for that.

39 Chris reviewed the projection for the remainder of 2013 budget. The group reviewed the proposed 2014
40 budget.

41 Jon explained that a capital asset is anything that cost over \$5,000 and will last or be used for at least a
42 year. Jon discussed the process for the new Friends of East Goshen (501c3) to become official. Chris
43 repeated the conversation the Commission just had about receiving donations. Sandy Snyder, Chairperson
44 of the Friends of East Goshen, will be at the HC September meeting.

45 Supplies were discussed. Judy and Dolores will purchase 2 new tents and discard the broken ones. They
46 will put HC identification on them. Dolores announced that she feels the volunteers should purchase their
47 outfits. She feels that some don't appreciate the outfits and don't wear them properly. The HC will vote of
48 the 2014 budget at the September meeting.
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50 4. CPTF – The next meeting will be Monday August 26th. They are still discussing what format to use.
51 The BOS had a meeting with the CP representatives.
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53 5. Catalogue – Ellen is assigning numbers to the items based on the year they were acquired.
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1 **New Business**

2 1. Moving - It was decided that on Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 pm, items will be removed from the
3 Blacksmith Shop meeting room so the Township can continue to use it for meetings. Pictures will be put
4 on the walls. Ellen wants to focus on 1777 but Chris doesn't think there are enough artifacts for 1777. The
5 walls need to be painted. Dolores thinks the deadline to be ready should be May 2014.

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7 2. Flag - Judy mentioned that the flag needs to be replaced. Most of the Commission feels the BOS
8 should put a current 50 star flag on the pole. Chris will research flags.

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10 3. Storm Shelter - The BOS approved a proposal from an Eagle Scout to construct another storm shelter in
11 Applebrook Park on the west side. The HC feels it is in Historic Goshenville and does not want it there.
12 Kathryn will write a letter to the Park & Recreation Commission and Chris will sign it.

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14 **Adjournment**

15 There being no further business, Kathryn moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion. The
16 meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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18 Respectfully submitted

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21 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary