

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY October 10th, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. MINUTES – September 12th, 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)**
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Update (Kathryn and Monica)**
 - C. Catalogue of Historic Artifacts (Ellen)**
 - D. Cleaning & Return of Historic sites to 18th Century (all)**
 - E. Wheelwright Shop (Meeting Room) decorations (Judy)**
 - 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
September 12, 2013**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday September 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Chris Reardon, Judy Schafer, Kathryn Yahraes, William Schultz, Ellen Carmody, Monica Close and Sue Ciorletti.

COMMON ACRONYMS:

<i>BOS – Board of Supervisors</i>	<i>LHD – Living History Day</i>
<i>BSS – Blacksmith Shop</i>	<i>NHD – National History Day</i>
<i>CCHS – Chester County Historic Society</i>	<i>NR – National Register of Historic Places</i>
<i>CCHPN – Chester County Historical Preservation Network</i>	<i>PH – Plank House</i>
<i>CPTF – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Task Force</i>	<i>PHMC – PA Historical Museum Commission</i>
<i>DAR – Daughters of the American Revolution</i>	<i>SCA – Sustainable Communities Assessment</i>
<i>HC – Historical Commission</i>	<i>SAR – Sons of the American Revolution</i>
<i>HRIS – Historical Resource Impact Study</i>	<i>TTVW – Town Tours & Village Walks</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 and to remember the events of 9/11.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of July 17, 2013 and August 8, 2013 were approved as corrected.

Announcements

The calendar of events was reviewed. Kathryn pointed out that there were some additions.

Treasurer's Report

None

Chairman's Report

1. Flag - Chris reported that the new flag was received. It is the flag used from 1795 – 1813. During the War of 1812 it became known as the Star Spangled Banner. Kathryn suggested submitting an article for the newsletter about this flag. Judy is going to write something for the display at the BSS. Chris mentioned that a new current flag needs to be purchased. He will ask Mark Miller about this.

2. Repairs – Chris and Ben met with Mark Miller to walk the site to determine what needs to be completed before winter.

BSS – Outside - a. The E. Boot Rd. door will be checked for sealant.
 b. The roof will be replaced
 c. The bottom of the window sills on the outside need to be replaced

 Inside - a. Bathroom
 b. Window sill in meeting room
 c. pointing over the fireplace and mortar, if mortar can't be repaired they will have to consider whitewash on the walls
 d. 2 of the crossbeams will be secured and floor boards near the double doors will be replaced

PH –outside - a. White walls outside will be spray washed and re-whitewashed

Kathryn commented that weeds are growing on the 2 spring houses in Applebrook Park. They should be removed.

3. Scout Project – Chris, Monica, Kathryn and Dolores Higgins met at Applebrook Park with Rick Smith (Township Manager), Mark Miller (Public Works Director), and John Jam and PJ Viloski Park & Recreation Commission Members. They did a site walk of the area on the west side of the Chamber building. Concerns were given about the original location for the proposed shelter. It was in the historic area of the park and was too visible. It was agreed that the shelter location will be moved to the pathway by the Chamber parking lot between 2 large trees. Judy suggested that a map should be made showing exactly where the historic area is. Chris feels this is a good idea. He also feels the HC should attend a PRC meeting to discuss this.

Old Business

1. 2014 Budget - Chris reviewed the remaining budget for 2013 and indicated that the remaining balance of \$2,086 will be spent by the end of 2013.

Ellen mentioned that the rocking chair and spinning wheel in the PH are unrepairable. The cost of new items can come out of the 501c3 account. Also, a decision needs to be made about what period to decorate in the PH.

Chris reviewed the proposed budget for 2014. There was discussion about renting a van to take a tour of the historic properties. It was agreed to add \$130 to General Expenses for this tour. The total for the proposed 2014 budget is \$3,595.00. A vote to approve this amount passed unanimously.

2. Historic Resources – Judy feels that owners of historic resources should receive a letter. Chris suggested copying a layer of the map of the Battle of the Clouds and send it, with a letter, to let them know their property is on the East Goshen list. Ellen commented that if East Goshen has a meeting about the Battle of the Clouds these owners should be invited.

3. Miscellaneous Research –

a. Historical Research – Ed reviewed the information he found about the following roads in East Goshen: Hershey Mill Road, Greenhill Road, Line Road, Paoli Pike (east & west), Boot Road (east & west) and King Road.

b. Post Office – Bill reviewed information about the White Horse post office in Willistown Twp.

4. Comp Plan update – Kathryn reported that the CPTF met on August 26th and last night, September 11th. The discussion was about the few remaining large properties in East Goshen and the town center. The next meeting will be Monday, October 28th.

New Business

1. Events – Preservation Fair – Oct. 26, 2013

Sugartown Annual Open House – Nov. 9, 2013

CCHS Spring Workshop – March 8, 2014

Volunteer Recognition – June 5, 2014

2. Garden – Kathryn and Judy have developed a plan for the PH garden.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Monica moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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FYI

September 27, 2013

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

Re: Openspace and Recreation Plan task Force
2014 Openspace and Recreation Plan Update

Dear ABC Members:

At their meeting on September 17, 2013 the Board of Supervisors approved the composition and schedule for the Openspace and Recreation Plan Task Force (ORTF). The Task Force will meet monthly over the next eight months or so with our planning consultant, Ann Toole from Toole Recreation Planning, to develop an update to the Township Openspace and Recreation Plan. The Township is funding this project with a budget of \$29,870.

Board of Supervisors	1
Planning Commission Member (Chair)	1
Park Board	1
Conservancy Board	1
Historical Commission	1
Commerce Development Commission	1
Toole Recreation Planning	1
Brandywine Conservancy	1
Director of Recreation	1
<u>Zoning Officer</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	10

Additional Stakeholders:

- The Municipal Authority will be consulted on as needed basis.
- 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 ORTF meetings.**

Actions for Each ABC:

- Each Board and Commission shall identify a primary and an alternate task force member to serve on the ORTF during their October 2013 Meeting. Only the primary task force

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members need to attend the ORTF 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 ORTF meetings.
- Each ABC shall add a line item to their agenda titled "Openspace and Recreation Plan Update". This is where the respective ORTF member will update their ABC members on the progress of the project and solicit feedback to bring back to the ORTF for consideration.

Administrative Actions:

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

Schedule:

- The openspace and Recreation Plan Update should take approximately 8 months to complete.
- **The meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The Kick-Off Meeting for the Openspace and Recreation Plan Update will be October 17, 2013.**
- **The Kick-Off Meeting will be October 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM; All Primary and Alternate Task Force designees should attend the Kick Off meeting.**

Please designate a primary and alternate member for the task force during your October 2013 meeting and forward the names of your designees to me. The 1993 Comprehensive Plan is available on our website for your information and use. I will have hard copies of the 1993 Plan for each of the designated Task Force Members at your next Meeting.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Zoning Officer

Cc: Anne Toole, Toole Recreation Planning
John Theilacker, Brandywine Conservancy (via email)