

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2014**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Blacksmith Shop Meeting Room. In attendance were: Chairman Judy Schafer, Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody, Sue Ciorletti, Monica Close, Dolores Higgins and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Kathryn Yahraes, and Jason Grothmann resident.

COMMON ACRONYMS:

BOS - Board of Supervisors	LHD - Living History Day
BSS - Blacksmith Shop	NHD - National History Day
CCHS - Chester County Historic Society	NR - National Register of Historic Places
CCHPN - Chester County Historical Preservation Network	PHMC-PA Historical Museum Commission
DAR - Daughters of the American Revolution	SAR - Sons of the American Revolution
HRIS - Historical Resource Impact Study	TTVW - Town Tours & Village Walks

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Judy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
Judy asked for a moment of silence for our troops.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of December 12, 2013 were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

The report appears to be clear for 2013. Monica will approach Township finance dept. to establish an account that the commission can use for purchases; i.e. Pay Pal or Credit Card (Visa, MC)

Announcements

Commission Members

Kathryn announced that she was not reappointed to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors. She was informed last week that at the end of her term (2013) she would be replaced. She also let the rest of the commission know that Dolores Higgins has been added to the commission and that Monica Close has been moved to the Planning commission. This was not previously known to either Dolores or Monica, as well as the rest of the Commission members.

Calendar of Events - 2014

It was proposed that this calendar be moved to the website - Chris will begin work on this project. Kathryn will forward the file to Chris.

Chairman's Report - None

Old Business

1. Historic Resources Research - Ed Lendrat reported on articles from the Daily Local about Goshen Life of earlier time periods.
Ed Lendrat is working on the research about the original houses that the Reese family built within East Goshen.
Chris would like to bring the Historic Resources Inventory up to date as well as have the Township Solicitor explain what the HC can and cannot do. The Commission will plan to drive by all the historic resources, note the condition of the property and clarify the resource designation.

2. Comp Plan Review

Kathryn and Monica are on this committee and will continue to work on this but Monica will take the lead on this. Judy will assist and they will complete the plan by the March meeting. Once membership of the commission is clarified new representatives will be assigned to this project.

3. 501C3 (Friends of East Goshen)

A process has been established. We will be notified when a donation has been proposed. The Friends of East Goshen will take ownership. Letters are exchanged and forms are filled out. These forms are then forwarded to a member of the 501C3. The Friends then will turn over ownership to the Township.

4. 2014 Goals and Objectives

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Network - Is working to get the battlefield established as a National Historic Landmark. Chris has written a draft letter from the Historic Comm. in support of this effort. A motion was made to have this letter sent to Sean Moir. Motion made by Dolores and seconded by Monica and Ellen.

5. Volunteers

We want to get a comprehensive list of all the volunteers. Monica and Sue will work with Kathryn to pull this list together for future use.

6. Spring Newsletter

Deadline is Feb 1, 2014. Article on George Clymer - Did you know this famous home boy? and an announcement for an evening on the Battle of the Clouds. Chris will submit copy.

7. Open Space Project

Ann O'Toole is leader of this project which is tied into the 2014 Comp Plan. There was a meeting attended by Chris and Judy to discuss with the Park and Rec and Conservancy to co-ordinate the goals with all the boards and the Comp Plan.

New Business

1. Jason Grothmann - attended the meeting to discuss possible removal of a historic resource at 1331 East Strasburg Road. He is interested in finding out the exact process for possible removal or updating. He is at the early stage of planning.

2. Volunteers - The commission has received a volunteer form. Judy has contacted the person and told her about our meetings and requested that she attend one. Discussion followed about the form that is being used and what changes we feel should be made. Sue will work with the present form and make suggestions on improvements.

3. Garden - Kathryn will pass all of her info to Sue and we will work on how we want the garden set up for the 2014 season. Possible transition to all medicinal/herbs was suggested.

4. Plank House Rejuvenation- The archive process needs to be completed. A decision needs to be made on how to handle the repair or replacement of furniture. Sue will contact the Hershey Mill Woodworking shop group to see if they can work with us on some of these items. Create a list of items that we need/want.

5. Quilt - We have acquired a quilt frame as a gift. We would like to create a period quilt for the Plank House. We need to decide on a pattern and then advertise for volunteers that might like to work with us. We want to clean out the room on the second floor of the Plank House so the frame can be set up and worked on there.

6. 2014 Events - We would like to establish 4 smaller focused events. Possibly every 6 weeks from May forward. We have agreed on the concept and are now need to establish what the four events will be and when. Following is a list of ideas:

1. A Night on the Battle of the Clouds. Chris will organize:
 - Evening for adults
 - Day for kids

2. Period activities for Kids
3. Blacksmith Shop
4. An evening/day with Ben Franklin
5. Women's Skills - Quilting

7. Milltown - Scott Saunders would like to work with the Commission to create a memorial or signage on Milltown.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Sue moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dolores Higgins