

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2014**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a scheduled meeting on Thursday February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Judy Schafer, Chris Reardon, Dolores Higgins, Ellen Carmody, William Schultz, Sue Ciorletti and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Others present: Kathryn Yahraes, and Ben Rohrbeck.

COMMON ACRONYMS:

BOS – Board of Supervisors

BSS – Blacksmith Shop

CCHS – Chester County Historic Society

CCHPN – Chester County Historical Preservation Network

CPTF – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Task Force

DAR – Daughters of the American Revolution

HC – Historical Commission

HRIS – Historical Resource Impact Study

LHD – Living History Day

NHD – National History Day

NR – National Register of Historic Places

PH – Plank House

PHMC – PA Historical Museum Commission

SCA – Sustainable Communities Assessment

SAR – Sons of the American Revolution

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 and asked for a moment of silence for our troops.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of January 9, 2014 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Dolores volunteered to take this position since Monica is on the Planning Commission now. Judy met with Jon Altshul, Township CFO. He commented that the Township cannot take donations except through the Friends of East Goshen. The bank account that was set up for the Plank House when it was erected has a \$1,600.00 balance. The HC must use this money so the account can be closed. However, Dolores pointed out that this money can only be used for the Plank House. Ben suggested completing the museum that was going to be put on the second floor of the Plank House. Judy mentioned that Sandy Snyder, Chairman of the Friends of East Goshen, will be attending the HC's March meeting to explain how donations can be made.

Chairman's Report

1. Judy reminded everyone that next Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:00 pm there will be the hearing for removal of 1331 E. Strasburg Rd from the Historic Resource Inventory.
2. Judy mentioned that Montejean Gay will have her interview with the BOS next Tuesday, Feb. 25 to become a member of the HC.

Old Business

1. Comprehensive Plan Update – Chris explained that the format of the updated Comp Plan will be very different from the original, which was very complex. Chris gave everyone a copy of Chapter 5 from the original CP, which covers sec. 240 of the Township Ordinance. It covers historic preservation, inventory criteria for classification, permitted uses, etc. The responsibility of the HC when a Historic Resource owner wants to remove it from the Township list, is to hold a hearing, ask questions and make a decision. Discussion of Chapter 5:

Page 1 – Objective 5B – Add after Hershey's Mill "and other historic areas as identified".

Action 5A-1-5 – Remove entire item.

Page 2 - Action 5A-2-1 - Remove “and broaden the current”
Action 5A-2-2 – Remove the entire item
Recommendation 5A-3 Add “Identify and encourage.....”
Action 5A-3-1 - Add “Educate owners regarding National Registry process.”
Page 3 – Recommendation 5B-1 is ongoing with periodic updates.
Recommendation 5B-2-1 – The Commission feels that the BOS should be involved in this.
Page 4 – Actions Needed – 5B2-1- Add “or deleted.” at the end of the sentence.
“ “ - 5B-2-2 – What is an “overlay zoning district”?
Recommendation 5B-4 – Add “...through education of owners.”
Page 5 – Recommendation 5C-1 – Substitute the word “re-enactment” with something else
Page 6 – Recommendation 5C-2 – This is done. Remove this section.
Chris will meet with John Theilacker, Project Manager, Brandywine Conservancy, to discuss these changes. Kathryn pointed out that the new Landscapes II can be added as a reference.

2. 2014 Goals & Objectives – Judy wants to be sure the Historic Resource Inventory is complete and as accurate as possible. Ed commented that the first step is for the Commission to take a tour of the township to check the properties.

3. Open Space Plan – Chris just received the draft. Historic viewscapes will be included. Other items covered by the plan are privately owned open space, infill, and a trail along Paoli Pike.

4. Battle of the Clouds – Chris confirmed that Sean will make this presentation on Thursday, May 22. The large meeting room has been reserved. The cost will be \$250.00. Chris made a motion to approve \$250 for Sean to make this presentation. Dolores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion about the need for people to make a reservation to attend because of the limited capacity of the room.

5. Calendar of Events – Judy would like to have this calendar posted each quarter on the Township website. Chris spoke with Jason Lang, Director of Recreation, who agreed to help Chris with social media. Ben asked when the BSS will be open this summer. Judy commented that dates will be set at the March meeting.

Ellen mentioned that the Dark Valley Questers meeting is scheduled for March 14.

Ben commented that the Brandywine Battlefield Re-enactment on May 17 & 18, is **not** being held at the Brandywine Battlefield. It is being held at the park at the end of South New Street, West Chester. The members of the Commission decided that they will not participate in this event.

Bill is going for the training this weekend to be a judge for the National History Day event. The event will be held at the Chester Co. Historical Society Building this year.

Kathryn reminded everyone that “Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day” is Saturday April 5th.

The celebration in 2017 – Senya will be chairman of the committee that will oversee this event.

6. Volunteer Form – Judy asked Sue and Kathryn to get together and review this form and bring it to the March meeting for the Commission members to review.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Dolores seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. After the meeting, Chris presented a framed pen & ink drawing of the Blacksmith Shop to Kathryn and thanked her for the 10 years of service she gave to the Historical Commission.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary