

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2014**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Judy Schafer, Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody, Sue Ciorletti, William Schultz, Dolores Higgins and non-voting member Ed Lendrat.

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

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 in recognition of all our service personnel and public servants.

Sub-Division/Land Development/Township Resource Inventory

We reviewed the FYI letters that were included in our packets.

Minutes

1. The Chairman noted that the minutes of February 20th and February 25th, 2014 were approved with corrections as follows:

Feb 20th page 2 line 32 change name from Kathyrn to Ellen mentioned that the Dark...

Feb 25th no changes.

2. The draft of the Attorney's report has been received, corrections have been forwarded and the corrected report has been sent to Mark Gordon.

Treasurer's Report

No changes at this time.

Chairman's Report

Postponed to get to new business/ 501C3 Sandy Snyder.

Old Business

1. Historic Resources Research - Ed Lendrat reported on 1331 Strasburg Road concerning the date stone.
2. Bill reported on the NHD judging. Event went well. He will do it again. Bill talked at Lancaster Historical Society about the Westtown School.
3. Comprehensive Plan Update - Chris reported that they will meet on March 24th. He submitted the corrections from our last meeting. When we receive the final we will review and vote on this.
4. Open Space Project - Chris reported that there is nothing to report at this time.
5. Volunteer Form - Sue provided us with a revised form. Please review and forward any changes to Sue, and we will vote on it at the next meeting.

New Business

1. 501C3 and Friends of Goshen - Sandy Snyder
Sandy is here to explain the present 501C3 and how we work with it. The first item for the Historical Commission was a set of 4 wagon wheels that have been processed and now belong to the Township. This new process is set up to be able to process monetary as well as physical properties. Sandy advised that for future programs, we should publish that this process exists and that the public can take advantage of it. There are grant applications available. Any money that is given can be ear-marked specifically for the Historical Commission. When items are received by the 501C3 they will own it until the HC requests the item (via the grant application) and then, the HC (the Township) will own it. We, the HC, will receive a letter to show that the HC/Township own the item for future sale. The same is true of items that are on loan. We need to identify the loaners of the objects, notify that we have it and wish to clarify ownership. Sandy recommends that the monies that exist from the old 501C3 be closed and turned over to the new 501C3. Then any item that we wish to purchase could be acquired thru the new 501C3 using the grant application process. HC could then receive financial reports from the 501c3 on what funds for the HC exist and how much is left.
Chris made a motion that the account from Susquehanna Bank, which represents the monies from the old 501C3 (\$1641.56), be closed and moved to the new 501C3 along with the \$500.00 in Petty Cash/Donations. Motion seconded by Sue and approved by the board.
The HC will need to keep tabs on the funds that have been ear-marked specifically for the PH and pay down the funds.
2. 2014 Plank House & Blacksmith Shop Tentative Schedule
This is a new approach to the opening of the historic district. We will always have 2 people assigned. Opening on April 12th with 2 days a month on Saturdays. Will close in July & August reopen in September & October. Dolores will work on an advertising plan to better promote the regular programs.

3. Clarification of HC role - We would like a meeting with the attorney and Mark Gordon on exactly what the role of HC is when approached concerning addition/removal of properties on the Historic Resource List.

4. Spinning Wheel - The HC is interested in acquiring a spinning wheel for the PH that can be used for demonstrations and hands-on experience of visitors. Dr. Flo Williams has one that may fit our needs. Motion made by Dolores that we send an e-mail to Flo stating our interest and requesting an opportunity to see the item and what it's approximate value would be. Motion seconded by Chris. Motion passed unanimously.

2014 Goals

Identify the specific basis or criteria for why each resource is on the Historic Inventory List

Liaison Reports

Conservancy Board - Sandy reported that Ginnie Newlin has left the conservancy board. There are 2 openings on the Conservancy Board. Assistance is welcomed for the Keep EG Beautiful Day on April 5. Notify Sandy if you can help.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ellen moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned a 9:15pm

Minutes submitted by Dolores Higgins