

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2014**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Judy Schafer, Ellen Carmody, Sue Ciorletti, William Schultz, Dolores Higgins, non-voting member Ed Lendrat, and new member Montejean Gay.

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
HC – Historical Commission	

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Bill led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops.

Sub-Division/Land Development/Township Resource Inventory

Tabled to a future meeting.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of March 13, 2014 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

No changes at this time.

New Business

1. Eagle Scout Project – A proposed project is to replace the fence at the Plank House. The cost is estimated to be \$1,600. Rick Smith wants the Historical Commission to use the 503c1 funds at the Susquehanna Bank. However, these funds are to be used to acquire items for use in the Plank House. There is a possibility that they can purchase a spinning wheel so the Plank House would have a “hands on” activity. Judy did send an email to Jon Altshul stating this but hasn’t received a response. Dolores feels the Township should pay for the fence same as they paid for the new roof on the Plank House. Judy asked Ellen to make a list of items the HC wants to get for the Plank House.

2. Dolores and Ellen met with Heather Hanson, a graduate of Winterthur, to discuss the condition of the items currently in the Plank House. They also need to determine what items are truly of

that era and what are not. They have a copy of Benjamin Hickman's Will which shows what he owned. Chester Co. Historical Society was contacted. They don't have an official program to do this but they are looking for a test case. Ellen told them that East Goshen would be very interested in serving as the test case. Heather advised us to join the Tri-State Commission, which we already have. Tri-State helps small sites with set up, advertising, etc. Ellen is waiting to hear back from Heather about a date for a meeting. Ellen feels that by working with other organizations and sites, we can get items we want and may be able to trade some of the things we won't use. Dolores has a preliminary list of items the HC wants to acquire. Judy will meet with Jon Altshul.

3. Summer Newsletter – Article is due 4/28, Judy will do an article on toys.

4. Advertising - Dolores needs the exact dates for all of the events. Signs were discussed. The following dates are planned so far:

March (TBA) Plank House Volunteer Orientation

April 12, Sat, Opening the Plank House & Blacksmith Shop 10 am – 2 pm

April 26, Sat, Plank House & Blacksmith Shop open 10am – 2pm

May 10, Sat, Plank House & Blacksmith shop open 10am – 2 pm

May 22, Thur, EVENT, Battle of the Clouds, 7pm at the East Goshen Township Bldg

June 14, Sat, EVENT, Blacksmith Shop 10am – 2pm

June 28, Sat, Plank House & Blacksmith Shop open 10am – 2pm

July & August – CLOSED

Sept 13, Sat, EVENT – 2nd Battle of the Clouds presentation 11am – 4pm,

Presentation by Chris Reardon at Goshenville

Sept 27, Sat, Plank House & Blacksmith Shop open 10am – 2 pm

Oct 11, Sat, Event – Ben Franklin @ Plank House & Blacksmith Shop 11am – 4pm

Oct 25, Sat, Plank House & Blacksmith Shop closed

5. Calendar of Events – Judy would like to make it smaller and put it on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Research - Ed reported on the Sullivan House at Hershey's Mill, the Rees family and Ely Rees. He had a copy of the History page from the Hershey's Mill website. He pointed out a few things that were incorrect. He is doing 2 small projects for Karen Marshall.

2. Bill reported that this past weekend he had 2 competitive displays at the Phila. National Stamp Exhibition at Oaks. One display was about carte' de vistes with tax stamps which were a type of business card used during the Civil War. There were 17 photographers in the West Chester area during this time. There were no income taxes but everything else was taxed. His collection of carte' de vistes covers 30 years of collecting. The other display was about train trips across PA.

3. Historic Resources List – 1331 Strasburg Road. The commission held a hearing for the request to remove this location from the Historic Resources List. The commission decided unanimously to retain this location on the HRL since it had some historic value and the buyer was not going to demolish it. The HC was very disappointed that the BOS decided to remove the location from the HRL.

4. Volunteers – The volunteer information form was discussed. Sue is responsible for setting up volunteers for 2 Saturdays in May, June, September and October. The Historic Area will be closed in July and August.

2014 Goals

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

Liaison Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary