

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY May 8, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. MINUTES – April 10, 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 (Chris)**
 - C. Volunteer Recruitment (Sue & Kathryn)**
 - D. Report on Open Space Project (Chris)**
 - E. Other Old Business (All)**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Advertising and Presentation of the Battle of the Clouds**
 - B. Meeting with Heather (CCHS) May 13, 2014 at the Plank House**
 - C. Planning for Blacksmith Shop Event June 14, 2014**
- 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
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

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

HC - Historical Commission

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

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.

1 2. Dolores and Ellen met with Heather Hanson, a graduate of Winterthur, to discuss the
2 condition of the items currently in the Plank House. They also need to determine what items are truly of
3 that era and what are not. They have a copy of Ed Hicks' will which shows what he owned. Chester
4 Co. Historical Society was contacted. They don't have an official program to do this but they are
5 looking for a test case. Ellen told them that East Goshen would be very interested in serving as the test
6 case. Heather advised us to join the Tri-State Commission, which we already have. Tri-State helps
7 small sites with set up, advertising, etc. Ellen is waiting to hear back from Heather about a date for a
8 meeting. Ellen feels that by working with other organizations and sites, we can get items we want and
9 may be able to trade some of the things we won't use. Dolores has a preliminary list of items the HC
10 wants to acquire. Judy will meet with Jon Altshul.

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

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

16 March (TBA) Plank House Volunteer Orientation

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 July & August – CLOSED

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

25 Presentation by Chris Reardon at Goshenville

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

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

28 Oct 25, Sat, Plank House & Blacksmith Shop closed

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

31 32 **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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2 4. Volunteers – The volunteer information form was discussed. Sue is responsible for setting up
3 volunteers for 2 Saturdays in May, June, September and October. The Historic Area will be closed in
4 July and August.
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6 **2014 Goals**

7 Identify the specific basis or criteria for why each resource is on the Historic Inventory List
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9 **Liaison Reports**

10 None
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12 **Public Comment**

13 None
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15 **Adjournment**

16 There being no further business, Sue moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded the motion.
17 The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm
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20 Respectfully submitted,
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24 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

April 28, 2014

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Joseph and Libby Judge, owners of 1556 Millrace Ln., West Chester, PA 19380 have submitted a Zoning Hearing Board application requesting a dimensional variance. The property owners propose to construct an addition to their home and are requesting relief from the side yard setback requirement of the Township Zoning Ordinance, §240-28.D(3)(b). In this case the zoning ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 20 feet for all structures. The applicant is seeking approximately 10 feet of relief.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of Zoning Hearing Board applications.

The meeting dates and times scheduled for the review and discussion of this application are outlined below and subject to change:

May 7, 2014 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)

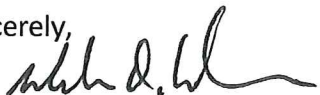
May 13, 2014 - Board of Supervisors meeting (7:00 pm)

May 21, 2014 - Zoning Hearing Board (7:30 pm) (**Zoning Variance Hearing**)

All hearings are held at the Township Building and are open to the public. The Zoning Hearing Board Application is available for review during normal business hours. If any person who wishes to attend the hearing has a disability and/or requires an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to observe or participate in the proceedings, he or she should contact East Goshen Township at 610-692-7171, to discuss how those needs may be accommodated.

Please give me a call if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All Township Boards and Commissions

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY

1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

May 1, 2014

William R. Schultz
1135 Merrifield Dr.
West Chester, PA 19380

Re: Historical Commission Resignation

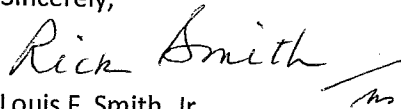
Dear Bill,

At their regular meeting on April 22, 2014, the Board of Supervisors accepted your resignation from the Historical Commission.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, thank you for the time and expertise that you brought to the Historical Commission for the 15 months that you served.

We wish you success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager

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Cc: Historical Commission

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

April 30, 2014

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Communications Test Design Inc. (CTDI), owner of 1336 Enterprise Drive, West Chester, PA 19380 has submitted a Zoning Hearing Board application requesting variances from the Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant is requesting relief from §240-22. Q. (5) regulating the maximum number of wall signs and §240-22. N. regulating the maximum height in which wall signs can be mounted to buildings in the Business Park District. The applicant is requesting variances to permit them to install two wall signs at a height of 39 feet.

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