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2 **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**
3 **HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**
4 **May 8, 2014**
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6 The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on
7 Thursday May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman
8 Judy Schafer, Chris Reardon, Dolores Higgins, MonteJean Gay and non-voting member Ed
9 Lendrat. Also in attendance were Ben Rorhbeck and Kathryn Yahraes.

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11 **COMMON ACRONYMS:**

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

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19 **Call to Order**

20 Judy called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
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22 **Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**

23 Judy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
24 Judy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Dr. Florence K. Williams, a great
25 educator, historian, volunteer and good friend to the EG Historic Commission. She passed away
26 on Tuesday May 6, 2014.
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28 **Minutes**

29 The Chairman noted that the minutes of April 10, 2014 were approved with corrections. Pg 2 line
30 3 - They have a copy of "Benjamin Hickman's Will"
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32 **Treasurer's Report**

33 Jon Altshul has stressed the importance of spending the \$1600.00 from the Susquehanna Bank
34 fund. With this in mind, all reimbursement requests and fees will be applied against this account
35 until it has been spent and the account closed. Example includes the donation for CCHS and
36 future fees for the services of Heather Hansen will be paid from this account. For the
37 funds/checks to be processed the request will have to be approved by the BOS prior to checks
38 being cut. The question was raised, does this \$1600.00 reduce our budget or is this in addition to
39 it.
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41 **Chairman's Report**

42 **Calendar of Events - 2014**

43 Chris and Kathryn will work to get this information on the web. We want to co-ordinate this
44 with the other historic sites.

1 Ben spoke about the re-enactment at Sandy Hollow in Birmingham Township on May 17 & 18.

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3 **Old Business**

4 **Historic Resources Research** - Ed Lendrat reported that he is working with Karen Marshal on
5 finding and clarifying locations for some of the houses and roads associated with the Battle of
6 Brandywine.

7 We received a letter requesting to start the process of researching the history of the Sullivan
8 House with the intent of possibly adding it to the Historic Resource List. We have been invited to
9 visit/view the House as the first step in this process. Chris outlined the process that we would
10 need to follow to make this happen. The process is basically the same as removal - research, tour,
11 open hearing and recommendation to the BOS. The suggestion was made that the liaison from
12 the BOS be present for the visit and participate in the discussions so that they will understand
13 how the decisions are being made.

14 The commission will begin the process of reviewing the properties that are on the Historic
15 Resources List. We will organize the list by quadrants and review the resources that exist and
16 determine if there are any additional sites that might be considered for the list.

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18 **Comprehensive Plan Update** - Chris reported that there were some concerns with the direction
19 of the plan. They stopped and are reorganizing and a revised plan will be put before the BOS
20 who will then approve or not.

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22 **Volunteer Recruitment** - No report at this time

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24 **Open Space Plan** - No report at this time

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26 **New Business**

27 **Advertising and Presentation for Battle of the Clouds.**

28 The following documents have been prepared: General invitation, Lecture Poster, Historic Home
29 owner invitation. Electronic copies of all these documents have been provided to Nancy
30 Scheiderman at the township. The invitations have been sent out to all BOS and all EG
31 employees. The information has been added to the website, electronic sign, constant contact,
32 lobby bulletin board and outside bulletin board. Copies have been printed and are on the front
33 desk and in the rack in the vestibule. Additional copies are available for the commission
34 members to place where ever they feel it would be useful. A personal invitation will be sent to
35 the homeowners of the 12 historic properties that still exist from the time of the Battle. Ruth
36 Kiefer is double checking that we have the correct owner names. Laminated copies have been
37 made to place in the bulletin board by the PH and in the Park. Electronic copies have been sent to
38 a variety of neighboring historic groups. As of this afternoon we had 26 people signed up to
39 attend. The large conference room will hold 110.

40 Dolores and MonteJean will work together to organize a specialized advertising campaign.
41 MonteJean has sketched up several ideas for frameworks for future posters and informational
42 flyers.

43 Kathryn has provided the commission with several check lists for items and ideas for creating
44 advertising.

1 **Meeting with Heather Hanson (CCHS) May 13, 2014 at the Plank House -**

2 The time is to be determined. There was discussion on what should or should not be there. An
3 example is the clock that exists in the will what could it have been.

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5 **Planning for the Blacksmith Shop Event June 14, 2014 -**

6 Ben Rohrbeck met with Mark Miller about the items in the Blacksmith shop that are still there
7 from the renovations. i.e. old door, old floor boards

8 Day of event- Chris will do the blacksmithing

9 Ben will do the wheelwright

10 Joe and Monica will be there to assist the others

11 New brochure is being worked on. We will attempt to get this updated by the event.

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13 **2014 Goals**

14 Identify the specific basis or criteria for why each resource is on the Historic Inventory List. This
15 process has begun with the 12 homes associated with the Battle of the Clouds.

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17 **Sub-Division/Land Development/Township Resource Inventory**

18 Received the FYI letters with the agenda. No action required on the HC part.

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20 **Liaison Reports** - None

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22 **Correspondence** - None

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24 **Public Comment**

25 Kathryn provided us with a series of handouts associated with upcoming events, talks,
26 conferences as well as useful contact sheets.

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28 **Adjournment**

29 There being no further business, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded the motion.
30 The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

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35 Minutes submitted by Dolores Higgins