

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2014**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Judy Schafer, Chris Reardon, Dolores Higgins, Montajeane Gay, Sue Ciorletti, Ellen Carmody and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Also in attendance were Ben Rohrbeck and Kathryn Yahraes.

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 Co 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

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Chris led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of May 8, 2014 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dolores commented that, in order to be reimbursed for expenses, receipts must be submitted to her the week before the BOS meeting so she can submit the necessary paperwork. Heather should send her bill for her consultant's fee directly to Jon Altshul. Also, the Township needs a W9 completed by all speakers at special events. Judy verified that all financial business should go thru Dolores. Dolores reported that items paid from the Susquehanna account were \$100 donation for CCHS and \$23.25 for Harlan Clark.

Friends of Goshen – Ellen got all of the paperwork done for the spinning wheel and the check was received from the Questars. However, The Friends are having trouble getting a quorum so these things can be completed. The Questars need a letter. This delay could impact the relationship with the Questars.

Chairman's Report

Plank House - Dolores and Judy met with Heather Hansen of the CCHS at the Plank House. She was very surprised and pleased and made some recommendations for things that are appropriate for the Federal time period. She sent a report. Dolores researched the items in the

report and distributed copies to everyone. Dolores feels that, since we want the Plank House to be interactive, we should have reproductions made instead of trying to purchase the originals. Reproductions will cost \$500-800 each. Some of the items are:

1. Sheraton Drop-leaf Work/Sewing Table
2. Ashbridge Chester County Sampler done by Hannah Ashbridge around 1731. She was born in Goshen on 2/26/1715 and lived her whole life here. Dolores mentioned that there is an antique dealer in Sugartown who sold the sampler. Dolores will check with them for details on the sampler for a possible reproduction.
3. Pillar and Scroll Clock – Eli Terry Jr was the first person to produce these clocks so the ordinary person could have a clock.
4. Rocking Chair without arms was used for nursing and/or sewing so it is referred to as a woman's rocking chair.
5. Antique French Needlework or Embroidery Stand

Dolores feels these items should be prioritized, i.e: rocking chair, clock, table, frame.

Heather also suggested making some simple window valances.

Plank House Security – A security system has been installed in the Plank House and Blacksmith shop. Judy would like to have the lock changed because there is no list of who has keys. Chris will contact Mark Miller.

Memorial Service for Flo Williams, June 8, 2014 – Dolores, Ellen, Judy and Kathryn went. It was well attended, over 300 people. The Lukens Band was there and 50% of the people were dressed in period costumes.

Nameplates – Judy reported that the Township had name plates made for everyone for meetings in the large conference room.

Garden – Judy feels that, since they are having trouble maintaining the garden, they should take everything out and turn it back to grass. However, Montejean wants to keep the garden and feels she can get help to maintain it. The members agreed to let her maintain the garden. Dolores & Judy just weeded the front beds and walkway.

OLD BUSINESS

Misc. Research – Ed is still working for Karen on roads in Chester County and in the vicinity of the Brandywine battle fields. Chris mentioned that Chester Co. and Delaware Co. received funding for Sandy Hollow for the end of the battle and the retreat.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Chris mentioned that the Open Space Plan update is complete. The section that applied to the Comprehensive Plan is ready. Chris will send a copy to everyone when he receives it. Kathryn mentioned that Hershey's Mill, Rocky Hill and Milltown are historic districts. Only Goshenville is on the National Register. Christ mentioned that the next Comp Plan meeting is on Monday, June 23, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Sullivan House – Judy, Ellen and Chris took a tour of the Sullivan House, this week. The BOS and Hershey's Mill don't want responsibility for it. Sue mentioned that the Masters Assoc. has provided funding for it, but it needs maintenance to spruce it up so they can have more events there. It is not handicapped accessible. Ellen commented that they need to give the BOS a report that explains why this building qualifies for the East Goshen Historic Resources List. Chris and Ellen will prepare a report.

Blacksmith Shop Event June 14, 2014 – Ben, Chris and Montejean will be there. There was no advertising for this event.

Saturday, June 28 Kids Day - Nothing has been planned. The Commission agreed to cancel the Kids Day event.

Events – The types of advertising available with no cost is the Township Website, Constant Contact, and the Electronic Signs. Chris spoke to Jon Altshul who told him to get whatever you need to him and he will get it put on these advertising venues. Chris suggested that the Commission members each take the lead for an event. Chris will do the 2 Events in September and October. September 13 will be the Battle of the Clouds in the meeting room at the Blacksmith Shop. He will also have re-enactors there. October 11 will be an event about Benjamin Franklin with a well-known re-enactor.

Liaison Reports - None

Correspondence - None

Public Comment

Kathryn reported that the Town Talks and Village Walks program started tonight. There will be 10 Thursday night events this summer.

Also the CCHSN dinner is June 25th – cost is \$25.

The Newsletter deadline is July 7th.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary