

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

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday July 10, 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 was Ben Rohrbeck.

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

Judy 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 June 12, 2014 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Dolores reported the Susquehanna account has a balance remaining of \$853. Chris ordered 2 hammers for the blacksmith shop which cost \$65 each plus \$15 shipping. Dolores is very concerned about the donation from the Questors via the Friends of Goshen. It has been 2 months and they have not received a confirmation from the Friends. Dolores went to their May meeting which didn't have a quorum and their June meeting was cancelled. She sent emails to the members with no response. Ellen commented that the Questors check was probably dated April and may go stale soon. The Commission members agreed to let Rick Smith and Marty Shane know about this situation.

Dolores moved to approve \$350 from the Susquehanna account to give to John Williams to purchase the spinning wheel. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Historic Area Security - Judy mentioned that no one knows how many keys to the PH and BSS were given out and who has them. The BSS was recently broken into. Nothing was taken but the alarm did not go off. A neighbor saw the door open and reported it to the police. The alarm is connected now and the door has been fixed and new lock and overlap installed. Dolores feels the

locks should be changed. Chris will mention this to Mark Miller. He also feels there should be 1 key for both buildings.

OLD BUSINESS

Sullivan House – Chris prepared a report and submitted it to the Hershey Mill Masters.

June 14 Event – There were 13 adults, no children. The attendance was low because there was no advertising. The feeling of the Commission members is that 4 events are actually more work than 1 event. Advertising was discussed. A chairman is needed and a list of contacts.

Correspondence – Purchase of the house at 1506 E. Grand Oak has a chain of ownership to 2001. Ellen feels there is misinformation about the construction date of 1719.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Chris reported that, he told the committee that the scenic views in Chapter 5 should be moved. They are not the responsibility of the Historic Commission. The new completion date for the Comp Plan is July 2015. The next meeting is Monday, July 28th.

Planning for Historic Research – Chris would like to do this in July/August. He has all of the books. There were 12 houses here during the Battle of the Clouds. He wants to meet and use Google Maps to identify the houses instead of driving around.

Misc Research – Ed showed a map of roads dated 1847 that he found. Ed met with Ray Fryberger and shared information about the Sullivan House and Battle of the Clouds. Ray is working on a history of Hershey's Mill. Ed received a letter from Ray containing some photos.

1934 Map – Chaz is making a frame for the map so it can be hung in the Community Room in the Township Building.

Garden – Montajeau reported that she is weeding it. It is too late to plant. Judy thought Public Works was going to spray it and plow it. Ellen commented that she was on a tour and talking to a gardener who also runs a restaurant. He uses herbs, etc. in his restaurant that he grows. Ellen feels this may be a possible use for the PH garden.

NEW BUSINESS

Battle of the Clouds – Chris mentioned that he will be showing the Battle of the Clouds on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Historic Area. Dolores will modify the flyer.

Ben Franklin – The reenactor, Mike Kochan, will be at the Historic Area on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

Liaison Reports - None

Correspondence - None

Public Comment

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Sue seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary