

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2014**

The East Goshen Township Historical Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday September 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Judy Schafer, Dolores Higgins, Chris Reardon, Ellen Carmody and non-voting member Ed Lendrat. Others present 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

Judy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops and 911.

Minutes

The Chairman noted that the minutes of August 14, 2014 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Dolores reported the balance remaining of \$1546.97 will be used to pay bills that have been submitted for frames, etc.

She noticed that the 2014 YTD spent on memberships is only \$70. Ellen may have had others paid at the end of 2013. Dolores will check with Jon Altshul.

After some discussion about the proposed 2015 budget, Chris made a motion to accept and submit it to the BOS. Ellen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Planning for 2015 - Judy feels the decision to have small events instead of the 1 Living History Day was not met with enthusiasm. Chris would like to go back to the Living History Day in the spring. He feels a date in June should be selected and the re-enactors and volunteers will be back. Saturday, June 6, 2015 was selected. Chris will be the point for calling people to participate. The time period will be Revolutionary War/Federal and he will try to get people who do things that were local to East Goshen.

It was decided to have the historic area open Saturdays in May and June, then September and October. No for TTVW in 2015. The Bicentennial in 2017 was discussed.

During 2015 work will continue on the 2nd floor of the Plank House. Ellen suggested getting a list of the items we are looking for to the Questors. Chris would like to make the main room a museum. Dolores feels the research Ed has done should be displayed. Ben mentioned an idea that Linda Gordon had which was to use the 4 walls for the 4 seasons to show how clothing, tools, etc. changed in each season.

At the next meeting the commission needs to start working on the report for the ABC meeting in January 2015.

Advertising – Judy acknowledged and thanked Dolores for the work she has done this year. The next newsletter should have an article about Living History Day in 2015. Ellen suggested designing a logo for the event. Kathryn suggested putting help wanted ads in the newsletter for docents, IT website, graphics, ad writer, etc.

OLD BUISNESS

Comprehensive Plan– Chris reported they are waiting for Chapter 10 which is a summary of the plan.

Historic Properties Inventory – Chris reported that he and Ben took a tour. He found that there are a lot of really well kept historic houses in East Goshen. He passed around the Historic Inventory Worksheet. He feels the current inventory list should not be changed but the status of the properties can be changed as needed.

Historic Properties Research – Ed reported that Jason met with Ray Fryberger and was impressed. Judy feels Ray's work would be useful for the Bicentennial.

Ed is still working with Karen Marshall on the Battle of Brandywine.

Ed mentioned that Upper Darby Township awards an owner of a historic building each year. He gave the list of criteria to Chris.

NEW BUISNESS

Keys – Judy has to return the keys to Mark Miller. She has 8 and is waiting for 2 more.

Battle of the Clouds – Saturday, September 13 at the Plank House. It was decided not to dress in historic costumes for this event.

Military Timeline at Paoli Battlefield – This event is on Saturday September 20, 2014 starting at 10:30 am. Chris will be there at 9:00 am. Bring chairs.

Plank House – Judy mentioned that Mark Miller needs to know if we want a 2 or 3 split rail fence. The initial vote was 2-2 but Chris and Dolores were willing to go with 2 rails.

Kathryn suggested having samples installed so they could see what it would look like.

Everyone agreed to remove the lamp post.

Ben thanked Mark Miller for the new anvil sign.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathryn mentioned that the newsletter article is due 10/31/14. She suggested that Dolores write an article about the items they acquired in 2014.

A preview of Chester County Day will be held at the Township Building on Wednesday September 24 at 7:00 pm.

Kathryn noted that the location of the CCHPN meet and greet on November 2 has been changed to the Phoenixville Foundry.

She will have more information next month on a new program called Certified Local Government (CLG).

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dolores moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary