

**West Goshen Township
Historical Commission Meeting
1025 Paoli Pile**

**Minutes
Thursday, July 27, 2016**

Commission Members:

Present: Michael Pilligalli, Kevin Pistiner, Kent Smith, Elizabeth Dean, Edward Tiernan, Thomas Walsh

Absent: Nancy McCabe, Richard Davis, Shelagh Purnell, Hugh Purnell,

Others Present: Kenneth Lehr, Keith Smith

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President Michael Pilligalli.

Roll call of members present

Secretary, Kevin Pistiner, recorded all meeting attendees.

Reading of minutes of last meeting

Walsh motioned a vote, which was second by Smith, to approve the meeting minutes of June 22, 2017. Commission members approved the meeting minutes with a 6-0 vote.

Officers reports

No news to report.

Committee reports

No news to report.

Agenda

CCHPN - Grace Under Fire Award

Dean mentioned that the Grace Under Fire award reception was well attended by representatives from each historical commission in Chester County. The Historical Commission received the award for standing strong during the establishment of the historical commission. We received a plaque commemorating the historical commission's success. A first-aid kit was also presented to symbolize the struggles and obstacles that were fought during the process. All photographs will be passed along to Lehr to share with the township community.

Living History Day

Lehr mentioned that the township's Living History Day is still scheduled for Sunday, August 6, 2017 at the Township's Community Park. The event will include a military reenactment from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, a nineteenth-century-style baseball game from

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Upper Darby Sousa Band will perform at 6:30 pm. We have enough volunteers for the event.

West Whiteland Town Tour and Village Walk

Dean mentioned that the historic walking tour, co-sponsored by the West Goshen Historical Commission, was well attended. It was proposed that West Goshen plan a historic walking tour for next year. Greystone Hall may be a walking tour option within the township.

Matlack House

Walsh mentioned that the exterior of the house is being stabilized and asbestos is being removed from the interior of the home. The county has not determined how the property will be utilized. Dean mentioned that since the house is located within the Township, two members of the Historical Commission should be on the Matlack House committee to determine the property's future use.

Township History Lectures

Dean mentioned that since it would not be feasible to conduct a walking tour throughout the township, we should bring speakers to the township building. During the winter season, we should plan to host several speakers to discuss a portion of the township's history. Refreshments relating to the time period of the presentation would be offered to attendees. Possible speakers to be included are Phil Yocum, Skip Chalfont, Jim Jones, Catherine Quillman, and historic preservation architects. Speaker series ideas should be discussed in further detail at the August meeting.

Historical Commission Budget Review

Fiscal Year Budget: \$5,000 (held by Department of Park and Recreation)

Additions to Budget:

Speaker Series: \$1,000

Publications: \$500

Walsh motioned a vote, which was second by Kent Smith, to approve the above mentioned proposed budget. Commission members approved the proposed fiscal year budget with a 6-0 vote.

Announcements

No news to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Pilligalli moved to adjourn the meeting. Walsh second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Pistiner
Secretary