

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

**Minutes  
Thursday, March 22, 2018**

**Commission Members:**

Present: Nancy McCabe, Michael Pilligalli, Kevin Pistiner, Kent Smith, Richard Davis, Thomas Walsh, Edward Tiernan

Absent: Elizabeth Dean, Shelagh Purnell, Hugh Purnell - Board Liaison

Others Present: Kenneth Lehr - Township Liaison, Keith Smith - local historian / township resident

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Nancy McCabe.

**Roll call of members present**

Secretary, Kevin Pistiner, recorded all meeting attendees.

**Reading of minutes of last meeting**

Smith motioned a vote, which was second by Pilligalli, to approve the meeting minutes of February 22, 2018. Commission members approved the meeting minutes unanimously.

**Officers reports**

Treasurer – Kent Smith

Smith mentioned that the 2018 Chester County Historic Preservation Network (CCHPN) dues were paid in November 2017.

McCabe purchased folders and supplies for use with researching each historic property located in the Township. Lehr mentioned that the Township tax exemption can be used for purchases made by the Commission.

**Committee reports**

No news to report.

**Agenda**

Historic Photograph Exhibit

Lehr mentioned that a majority of the photographs have been framed and will be hung up in the exhibit hallway of the Township Building.

Facebook Page

Pistiner mentioned that the page has 136 likes and receives weekly traffic. Several posts have been uploaded that highlighted local history activities. Photographs from the

Township exhibit could be posted on the Facebook Page. That may also encourage people to visit the Township Building to view all of the photographs on display.

#### Township Newsletter

Pistiner mentioned that an article highlighting the preservation of the Matlack House will be published in the spring edition of the newsletter. The summer edition will include an article about the loss of Bishop's Lodge, which was demolished for the construction of new homes.

#### Township Comprehensive Plan Workshop

Pistiner mentioned that the comprehensive plan workshop is open to the public and will occur on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Historic preservation will be presented during the workshop as a separate topic. Each topic will include similar questions, such as the strengths, weaknesses, and what needs to be improved.

#### Museum of the American Revolution Bus Trip

Lehr mentioned that 12 people have signed up for the bus trip so far. Since the trip will not occur until July 21, 2018, there is still time for people to sign up.

#### Chestnut Grove Cemetery Tour

Walsh mentioned that he has been trying to contact the 3<sup>rd</sup> USCT (United States Colored Troops) reenactors to attend the tour. He hoped to have four to five reenactors, including two baring arms, two flag marchers, and one bugler. The troops would march into the cemetery, which McCabe calls everyone to order and introduces one or more township supervisors. Approximately thirty minutes will be devoted to small group activities followed by a closing ceremony involving firing a volley and playing taps.

The event could be held annually in a different cemetery each year as a Township Memorial Day celebration.

#### Historic Markers

Keith Smith discussed his most recent book publication, "That's Going to Leave a Marker." The book discusses historic markers that can be found throughout Chester County and a few beyond the county borders.

A historic marker could be placed at the Matlack House. The County of Chester Commissioners should be contacted to discuss the topic. The home of West Chester University's president, Tanglewood, is located in West Goshen Township. This may be a potential location for a historic marker. The University should be contacted to begin the discussion process.

#### CCHPN Spring Workshop

McCabe mentioned that she attended the workshop that discussed types of architectural styles, how to modernize historic structures, and the rehabilitation process. Jane Dorchester gave a presentation on how to research historic properties. James Garrison

gave a presentation concerning how to modernize historic structures. Several books on the subjects were also given to the attendees.

**Announcements**

Park Day - Saturday, April 7, 2018

Paoli Battlefield and Sandy Hollow Park are seeking volunteers to assist in maintaining the landscape.

Bartram's Gardens

Joel Fry, curator, will be giving a presentation on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Schuylkill River Heritage Center in Phoenixville.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Tiernan moved to adjourn the meeting. Pilligalli second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Pistiner  
Secretary