

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

**Minutes  
Thursday, April 26, 2018**

**Commission Members:**

Present: Nancy McCabe, Michael Pilligalli, Kevin Pistiner, Kent Smith, Richard Davis, Shelagh Purnell, Thomas Walsh

Others Present: Ken Lehr, Hugh Purnell, Keith Smith

**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**

McCabe mentioned the following correction in the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes: Jane Dorchester gave a presentation on how to research historic properties. James Garrison gave the presentation concerning how to modernize historic structures.

Kent Smith motioned a vote, which was second by Davis, to approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2018. Commission members unanimously approved the meeting minutes with the above-mentioned corrections.

**Officers reports**

Treasurer Kent Smith mentioned that he is still waiting on the reimbursement payment from the Township for supply purchases and professional organization dues.

**Committee reports**

No news to report.

**Agenda**

**Historic Photograph Exhibit**

Lehr mentioned that he has framed the photos and is currently locating wall space to display all the photographs.

**Facebook Page**

Pistiner mentioned that the Commission's Facebook page has 137 likes. He will use the photographs that are being displayed at the Township Building for future posts. This will encourage followers to visit the exhibit in person.

#### Township Newsletter

Pistiner mentioned that the Matlack House article will be published in the spring edition of the Newsletter. An article focused on the history and demolition of Bishop's Lodge will be published in the summer edition of the Newsletter.

#### Township Comprehensive Plan

Pistiner mentioned that the digital copy of the historic property list will be sent to the comprehensive plan task force for review and inclusion in the final plan.

#### Museum of the American Revolution Bus Trip

Lehr mentioned that there are currently fifteen (15) people who have signed up for the bus trip. There is still plenty of time for people to sign up. The trip will take place on July 21, 2018 at a cost of \$49 per person. The ticket purchase includes a presentation at the Township Building, motor coach transportation to/from Philadelphia, and admission to the Museum of the American Revolution.

#### Cemetery Tour

Walsh mentioned that Clifford DeBaptiste stated that the Chestnut Grove Cemetery is in disrepair due to storm damage. The cemetery is not cleaned of debris and pedestrian obstacles.

Walsh mentioned that the cemetery tour will now take place at the Green Mount Cemetery at 117 Westtown Road. The tour will occur on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 beginning at 6:00 PM. The free event will include a presentation about the cemetery's history and activities for attendees. A brief announcement will be placed in the spring Newsletter and on the Commission's Facebook Page.

#### History Series

Hugh Purnell mentioned that a history series of presentations should be planned throughout the year. History in the Park events could be held at the Community Park amphitheater.

#### Historic Markers

Kent Smith and Keith Smith will gather information for purchasing and installing a historic marker in the township. This will include marker designs and estimated costs. The findings will be presented at the May 2018 meeting.

#### Goshen County Fair

The annual fair will take place July 30 to August 4, 2018. A corner booth at the fair can be rented for \$300 for the duration of the fair. The cost could be shared with surrounding communities, including East Goshen Township and West Chester Borough. Commission members stationed at the booth could to pass out information, mini-flags, gather an email list, and promote the Facebook Page.

New Camera

Davis mentioned that he has purchased a new camera, which he looks forward to using to capture photographs for the Commission.

**Announcements**

New Commission Member

Hugh Purnell has nominated Keith Smith to the Historical Commission. As a devoted resident of the Township and a local history enthusiast, Keith would be a great asset to the Commission.

2019 Chester County Day House Tour

The event district will include West Goshen Township.

Classic Car Show

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual BOPC Car Show will take place on Saturday May 19, 2018 beginning at 9:00 AM. The car show will be held near the Community Park at 900 Lawrence Drive.

CCHPN Annual Dinner

The reception will take place on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Nottingham County Park. Registration is due by Monday, June 11, 2018.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Walsh moved to adjourn the meeting. Pilligalli second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Pistiner  
Secretary