

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

**Minutes
Thursday, June 28, 2018**

Commission Members:

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

Others Present: Ken Lehr, Hugh Purnell, Keith Smith, Dan Campbell

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

Walsh motioned a vote, which was second by Kent Smith, to approve the meeting minutes of May 24, 2018. Commission members unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Officers reports

Treasurer

Kent Smith mentioned that there was no news to report.

Committee reports

Historic Markers

Keith Smith mentioned that the Commission could install a marker at the Jerrehian/Sharples Estate. He felt there was no need to send the finalized marker design to the Township Supervisors for approval, since the cost for manufacture and install will be paid from the Commission's annual budget. The Commission should install a marker every third year. Walsh and Hugh Purnell mentioned that the marker design should be sent to the Township Supervisors for approval. The marker design should be approved by our next monthly meeting.

Agenda

Public Comments

Dan Campbell, Architect

Campbell mentioned that he has possession of architectural drawings that he drafted of the now demolished Bishop's Lodge. They were drafted for the previous owner, the Zarelli Group. He is also in possession of a collection of photographs of the house taken three (3) years ago. Campbell has offered to share all of this information with the Commission.

Campbell mentioned that he has been hired by Green Mount Cemetery to renovate the cemetery chapel. He is planning to apply for grants to subsidize the renovation costs. In order to increase the grant success rate, Campbell requested the Commission designate the chapel as a local historic resource.

Preservation Ordinance

Hugh Purnell mentioned that the Township Solicitor is in the process of drafting a historic preservation ordinance for the Township. The Solicitor has been given all available Township resources to be used while drafting the ordinance. The ordinance should be approved by the Township Supervisors within three (3) months.

Facebook

Pistiner mentioned that the Facebook Page has been receiving steady traffic. Commission events have been posted on the Page along with recaps of completed events. Keith Smith has been posting historic photographs and postcards of West Goshen on the Page.

Township Newsletter

A recap of the Green Mount Cemetery tour will be included in the summer edition of the Newsletter. A notice stating that the Commission is seeking new members will also be included in the next Newsletter.

Bus Trip – Museum of the American Revolution

Lehr mentioned that the bus trip is currently half filled. The trip will occur on Saturday, July 21, 2018.

Goshen Country Fair

Nancy mentioned that volunteers are needed to staff the West Goshen Historical Commission table at the Fair. Surrounding historical commissions have denied the request to assist in the event, including East Goshen, Westtown, West Whiteland, and Thornbury. Walsh will contact the West Chester Historical Commission to ask for volunteers.

Keith Smith mentioned that the Commission should purchase inscribed wooden coins to hand out at the Fair. One side will include the Township logo, while the other side will include the Commission's contact information. The cost is as follows: \$300 for 1,000 coins or \$560 for 2,000 coins. Walsh motioned a vote, second by Kent Smith to purchase 2,000 wooden coins at \$560. Commission members unanimously approved the motion.

Dean mentioned that we could pass out a history-based coloring book at the Fair, which will include the Township logo, Township Supervisor names, Commission member names, Commission contact information, and Commission mission statement.

Kent Smith mentioned that we could also pass out a brochure on the history of the township.

Hugh Purnell mentioned that he will donate a cooler of water for members who staff the event.

CCHPN Annual Dinner

Pistiner mentioned that the event was well attended. The evening included an armchair tour of Nottingham County Park presented by one of the park rangers. Pistiner represented the Township by announcing the Commission's successes over the past year as well as the Commission's future goals.

Chester County Town Tours and Village Walks – West Chester Borough

Walsh mentioned that the walking tour was well attended. Walsh and Pistiner served as tour guides during the event. McCabe served as an event volunteer. Next year's walking tour will occur in the Southwest Quadrant of West Chester Borough.

Announcements

New Members

The Commission has announced that we are actively seeking new members to fill vacant seats. If you are interested in joining the Commission, please send your resume to the Commission for review: westgoshenhistory@gmail.com.

Lecture Series

Dean mentioned that the first lecture will occur on October 24, 2018 at the Township Building with guest speaker Bruce Mowday.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Walsh moved to adjourn the meeting. Dean second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Pistiner
Secretary