

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

**Minutes
Thursday, July 26, 2018**

Commission Members:

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

Others Present: Kenneth Lehr, Hugh Purnell, Jim Christ, Doug White, 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

Kent Smith motioned a vote, which was second by Tiernan, to approve the meeting minutes of June 28, 2018. Commission members unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Officers reports

No news to report.

Committee reports

Historic Marker Committee

Keith Smith and Kent Smith mentioned that they do not have any new information.

Agenda

Museum of the American Revolution Bus Trip

Lehr mentioned that forty-one (41) people attended the bus trip. He received some review responses: some attendees wanted a guided tour and stops at other historic sites. Future bus trip ideas included Gettysburg and other Philadelphia locations.

Walsh gave a thank you to Jim Christ and Chris Reardon for their presentation on Brandywine Valley's involvement in the Revolutionary War. Walsh mentioned that the museum included lectures, a children's gallery, but no temporary exhibit spaces.

Jim Christ mentioned that we could also host smaller bus trips to local sites.

Weeping Copper Beach Tree – Witness Tree

Hugh Purnell mentioned that the land is currently being sold along with the commercial property adjacent to the tree. The tree is located off Old Fern Hill Road.

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Walsh mentioned that he will contact the real estate firm completing the transaction to learn more about the property.

Keith Smith mentioned that the township once owned the tree, but it became too much to maintain. Hagley Museum of Wilmington, DE researched and documented the tree. It was eventually sold to the commercial property.

Lehr mentioned that the sellers of the property have contacted the township and are currently discussing the situation.

Goshen Country Fair

Lehr mentioned that he will assist in setting up the tables and chairs at the fairgrounds.

Keith Smith mentioned that he has purchased 2,500 wooden coins printed with the Historical Commission's information for \$416.95 from the National Penn Co. LLC. He selected the least expensive manufacturer after reviewing several companies.

Facebook

Pistiner mentioned that he continues to post information about local history news and events on the page. He will post a recap of the museum bus trip with photographs.

Historic Property Tax Credit

Hugh Purnell mentioned that he is currently compiling a packet about historic preservation tax credit information. The packet will be available for owners of historic properties who are considering major renovations.

Mission Statement

Pistiner mentioned that he has compiled a rough draft of the Historical Commission's mission statement. Each member received a copy of the statement for review. The final approval vote will occur at the August 2018 meeting.

Announcements

Chester County Town Tours and Village Walks

Tours are still being held each week throughout Chester County. A dinner lecture will be held on September 10, 2018 at the General Warren Inn for \$49 per person.

Paoli Battlefield Paranormal Tour

A tour will occur on October 20, 2018 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at the Paoli Battlefield.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Walsh moved to adjourn the meeting. Shelagh Purnell second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Pistiner

Secretary