

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

**Minutes
Thursday, October 25, 2018**

Commission Members:

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

Others Present: Kenneth Lehr: Township Liaison, Hugh Purnell: Township Supervisor, Jennifer Prior: Township Solicitor, William Webb: Township Zoning Officer

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

Pilligalli motioned a vote, which was second by Walsh, to approve the meeting minutes of September 27, 2017. Commission members unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Officers reports

No news to report.

Committee reports

Township Historic Markers

Smith submitted a list of proposed sites for Township historic markers:

Matlack House (1770)

Site of the Boot Tavern (demolished)

Collins Mansion (1732)

Mary Rogers House (1806)

Greystone Hall (1907)

Tanglewood (1700s) – Residence of West Chester University president

Schramm, Inc. (1900s)

Weeping Beach Tree – Historic witness tree

Hicksite Friends Cemetery (1840)

721 Little Shiloh Road (1772) – Home of a free African American

Agenda

Mission Statement

Smith motioned a vote, which was second by Walsh, to approve the first mission statement of the Commission. Commission members unanimously approved the mission statement as follows:

“The West Goshen Township Historical Commission seeks to preserve, protect and foster an awareness of our community’s historic resources, material culture, and resident biographies.”

Historic Preservation Ordinance

The creation of the first Township historic preservation ordinance was discussed with the Township solicitor, Jennifer Prior. The purpose of the ordinance is to preserve and protect historic resources identified within West Goshen. A draft of the ordinance will be composed by Prior and distributed to the Commission members for review. The ordinance will also be made available to the public for review before final approval.

Community Days

Lehr mentioned that Community Days were dropped in 2008.

Pilligalli mentioned that the cost of up to \$20,000 and ten months of planning was not worth the effort. The Township holds many events and activities for the community, including visits from the Easter Bunny and Santa Clause, and Movies in the Park.

Walsh mentioned that we should focus on offering residents more history lectures.

McCabe mentioned that we could present an annual award to the best restored property within the Township.

Township Newsletter

Pistiner mentioned that the winter newsletter will include an article discussing the Minquas Trail Historic Marker located within the Township.

2019 Commission Leadership Nominations

The following Commission members have accepted a nomination:

Kevin Pistiner for Chairman

Michael Pilligalli for Vice Chairman

Kent Smith for Treasurer

Nancy McCabe for Secretary

Announcements

Due to Thanksgiving, the November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018.

Due to Christmas, the December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2018.

Shelagh Purnell has decided not to return as a member of the Historical Commission in 2019.

Commission members thank Shelagh for her two years of service to the group.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Walsh moved to adjourn the meeting. Smith second the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Pistiner

Secretary