

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

**Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

Commission Members:

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

Absent: Richard Davis, Elizabeth Dean, Hugh Purnell, Shelagh Purnell, Christine Suhadolnik, Chuck Ulmann

Township Representative: Ken Lehr

Others Present: Karen Marshall - Chester County Historic Preservation Network

Call to order

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

Roll call of members present

Secretary, Kevin Pistiner, recorded all meeting attendees.

Reading of minutes of last meeting

McCabe approved minutes of November 17, 2016. Smith second the motion.

Officers reports

No news to report.

Committee reports

No news to report.

Meeting Discussions

Public Business:

Marshall congratulated the creation of the West Goshen Historical Commission and offered her assistance to the commission. She presented a comprehensive outline given to all Chester County historical commissions and committees to assist in operating our historical commission successfully.

The summer of 2017 marks the twenty-third year of the Chester County Town Tours and Village Walks program. This year, the tours will focus on the 240th anniversary of the American Revolution in 1777. The free tours will begin on June 15th and will occur every Thursday evening throughout Chester County. West Whiteland will conduct tours on July 13th focused on the Battle of the Clouds. Marshall is currently seeking volunteers to participate in the event.

Marshall encouraged the West Goshen Historical Commission to identify one to two historic sites suitable for the installation of a historic marker. Historic markers can be constructed, with the township seal included in the design, for \$3,000.

Bicentennial Celebration:

Lehr is planning to attend a meeting with East and West Goshen Townships to continue discussions of the bicentennial celebration. The joint event will include a parade, kid's activities, reenactment of the signing of the separation petition, and a Battle of the Clouds history presentation. A tentative date and location for the West Goshen/East Goshen parade is on June 24th, 2017 at West Chester East High School. The parade may begin at the Goshen Fire Company station and end at the high school. A fireworks celebration will occur at East Goshen Community Park.

History weekend at the West Goshen Community Park will occur on August 5th and 6th, 2017. The weekend will include a historic encampment reenactment, a baseball game between the Brandywine Baseball Club and the Athletic Baseball Club of Philadelphia, and a performance by the U.S. Navy Band. Walsh mentioned that the weekend could also include a vintage farm equipment display from local farms. A pamphlet of historic homes still standing in West Goshen could be handed out. Shuttle/trolley tours may be scheduled to educate the public on the history of the township.

A classic car show will be held at the West Goshen Community Park on May 20th, which will be coordinated by Hugh Purnell. Pilligalli mentioned that a "before and after" photography exhibit could be displayed in the township building.

Matlack House:

McCabe mentioned that Chester County is beginning to restore the exterior of the Matlack House. The interior of the house is currently deemed unsafe and may include asbestos.

Commission Members:

Pilligalli moved to declare that the slate of officers appointed in the historical committee remain the same in the commission. Tiernan second the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, McCabe moved to adjourn the meeting. Smith second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin S. Pistiner
Secretary