

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

**Minutes  
Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**Commission Members:**

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

Absent: Elizabeth Dean, Edward Tiernan, Charles Ulmann

Others Present: Hugh Purnell - Board Liaison, Ken Lehr - Park and Recreation, James Christ - Paoli Battlefield, Dr. Douglas White - Resident, Keith Smith - Resident

**Call to order**

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

**Roll call of members present**

Secretary, Kevin Pistiner, recorded all meeting attendees.

**Reading of minutes of last meeting**

McCabe reviewed and approved the minutes of our March 23, 2017 meeting.

**Officers reports**

No news to report.

**Committee reports**

No news to report.

**Agenda**

**Bicentennial Celebration**

Lehr requested that volunteers sign up to help with the bicentennial celebration on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The volunteering time blocks are 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, 4:45 pm to 6:45 pm, and 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Volunteers are requested to assist throughout the event. We are also seeking people to dress in period costumes and several expert photographers/videographers to document the celebration.

Christ mentioned that the event will include War of 1812 reenactors, a duel between two reenactors, and a Benjamin Franklin impersonator demonstrating several of his inventions.

Current township commissioners, state representatives and senators, national representatives and senators, and other current government officials will be invited to attend the celebration.

West Goshen Township will host an antique car show on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the West Goshen Community Park between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. The event will be organized by the Delaware Valley Oldsmobile Club. Vehicles may register to be entered into the judging contest. West Goshen residents may show their vehicles without entering the judging contest. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Ken Lehr to assist with the event.

Pilligalli mentioned that the township is still seeking objects and photographs for an exhibit of West Goshen History at the township building. The exhibit will temporarily display objects and photographs that range in age from ten to two hundred years of township history. James Chalfant has offered to display a Garret tall case clock in the exhibit.

#### Chester County Town Tours and Village Walks

McCabe mentioned that the West Goshen Historical Commission is co-sponsoring the West Whiteland historic walking tour, which will take place on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 5:30 pm. They are seeking volunteers to assist with non-tour guide duties.

#### **Announcements**

Walsh mentioned that East Bradford Township is hosting oral history nights at their township building on April 28, May 5, May 12, and May 19 at 7:00 pm. Local residents will share their experiences and memories of the township.

McCabe mentioned that our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Hugh Purnell moved to adjourn the meeting. Walsh second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Pistiner  
Secretary