

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

**Minutes
Thursday, May 25, 2017**

Commission Members:

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

Absent: Kent Smith, Edward Tiernan, Charles Ulmann

Others Present: Hugh Purnell - Board Liaison, Ken Lehr - Park and Recreation, Charles Lang, Keith Smith, Douglas White

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 reviewed and approved minutes of April 27, 2017 meeting. Dean second the motion.

Officers reports

No news to report.

Committee reports

No news to report.

Agenda

Bicentennial Celebration

Lehr mentioned that more volunteers are needed to assist during the celebration. Volunteers are needed for greeting and directing guests, children's activities, and memory station. Time slots for volunteering are 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, 4:45 pm – 6:45 pm, and 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Dress rehearsal for historical reenactments were successfully completed.

Davis and Keith Smith mentioned that advertising flyers should be placed at local Wawa convenience stores and area bulletin boards.

Dean mentioned that the separation petition signing reenactment will include three judges and will last thirty minutes. This segment of the celebration will include a speech by each participant. The celebration will also include twenty food trucks as well as water and soda available for attendees. Singer Kevin Pierce will be performing at the celebration.

Walsh mentioned that the original Boot Tavern sign, where local government business once occurred, is located at the Chester County Historical Society. A photograph of the sign may be used during the celebration. We can also use a map of Chester County that highlights the Battle of the Cloud, which occurred during the Revolutionary War. Anyone who wishes to attend the Battle of the Clouds presentation must preregister. If the first presentation is filled, a second presentation will be held.

Hugh Purnell mentioned that they are still accepting donations for the event, but the banners have already been printed. New donors will only be added to the information pamphlets.

Lang mentioned that historical reenactors, from the War of 1812, will include musket demonstrations in a designated area. They will also include an encampment display during the event.

Dean mentioned that at the conclusion of the petition signing reenactment, we will participate in a parade. The parade will travel from the Chamber of Commerce building to the field across Paoli Pike. Elected officials will travel on a hayride. Everyone is welcome to participate in the parade. Attendees of the celebration will be directed to park their vehicles on the east side of Paoli Pike. This will include handicap parking spaces.

Living History Day

Lehr mentioned that West Goshen Township will hold a living history day on August 6, 2017 at the Community Park. Military reenactors will occur between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. A baseball game will be held between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The Upper Darby Sousa Band will perform between 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The event will also include big wheeled bicycles and snacks will be available at the concession stand.

Classic Car Show

Hugh mentioned that the car show, which occurred on May 20, 2017, was very successful. Eighty-four (84) cars participated in the show, including nine (9) local car owners. Hugh thanked the ARC of Chester County and Iceline for providing parking and assistance during the show.

Announcements

Chester County Town Tours and Village Walks - West Whiteland

McCabe announced that the West Goshen Historical Commission is co-sponsoring the West Whiteland historic walking tour. Volunteers are needed to assist with organizing tour groups and maintaining the time schedule for the tour guides.

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Chester County Historic Preservation Network

McCabe announced that the West Goshen Historical Commission has been awarded the Grace Under Fire Award for establishing a historical commission in West Goshen Township. The volunteer recognition dinner will be held at Historic Yellow Springs on June 28, 2017.

Township Newsletter

Lehr announced that the summer issue of the newsletter will be released in two weeks. Anyone who wishes to include an announcement should send their information to Lehr.

Adjournment

There being no further business, McCabe moved to adjourn the meeting. Pistiner second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Pistiner
Secretary