

West Goshen Township
1025 Paoli Pike

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

Commission Members in Attendance: Nancy McCabe, Kevin Pistiner, Kent Smith, Michael Pillagalli, Steve Lyons, Kathy Massi, Bonnie Dean

Commission Members not in Attendance: Norm Pines, Doug White, Rick Davis

Assistant Township Manager: (none)

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes of February 23, 2023:

A motion was made by Nancy McCabe to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Kent. The minutes from the February 23, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

No expenses for current year.

CCHPN and Planning Commission Luncheon: Steve attended the luncheon on 3/18/23. He gave a detailed report on goals that were discussed at meeting.

Old Business:

Boot Tavern Marker: Kent reported that he is continuing to work with PennDot and has put in another request for right of way information.

Matlack House Marker: Bonnie questioned marker for Matlack House near 601 Westtown Rd. Wording needs to be drawn up.

West Goshen Newsletter: Mike will write about a topic for April newsletter. Discussion was had regarding cemetery tour this year at Oaklands Cemetery.

List of Historic Resources: Continue to direct changes of atlas to Rick.

Oral Histories: Discussion was had on organizing oral histories. List of questions needs to be draw up and discussed.

Speaker Series: Bonnie Dean suggested we contact archaeologist, Wade Catts, for September or October. Also suggested was Michael Harris for possible holiday program. Steve Lyons recommended Steve Edinbo, a Thomas Jefferson reenactor. He will contact him.

Juneteenth: Discussion was had regarding a 2023 Juneteenth celebration. Mike reported he had checked with West Chester Boro and East Goshen Twp. They are not planning anything for this year.

Cemetery Tour: Discussion was had regarding the Memorial Day Cemetery tour. Attendance will be limited to keep the tour manageable.

Demolition by Neglect: Steve noted that we need an update on the property at 905 Westtown Rd. Roof is in deplorable condition and property is not being maintained. Jamie was working on getting info but she is no longer with the township. Steve will contact Chris Bashore for an update.

New Business:

Historic Bus Tours: Bonnie suggested possibly collaborating with Parks & Rec for organizing bus tours to historic places. She will contact Ken Lehr.

There being no further business, Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.