

**West Goshen Township**  
**1025 Paoli Pike**

**Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

**July 27, 2023**

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

**Commission Members not in Attendance:** Norm Pines, Doug White

**Assistant Township Manager:** (none)

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. 6:03**

**Approval of minutes of June 22, 2023:**

A motion was made by Nancy McCabe to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Kent. The minutes from the June 22, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Kent Smith reported no expenses for July. Needs Social Security number for Finance director to pay Wade Catts \$200 for speaking event.

**Old Business:**

**Historic Markers:** Discussion was had regarding which company to use for markers. Kent showed examples of both companies' work. Prices are similar. Bonnie suggested that we go to O'Rourke & Sons for possible donations toward markers.

**West Goshen Newsletter:** Mike advised that we would add a "save the date" for speaker event. Also, discussed sign up system. Discussion was had regarding capacity of rooms and set up.

**Oral Histories:** Bonnie suggested Mrs Richards would be a good speaker for the series. Also, discussed contacting Ken Barker. Bonnie suggested Mike Pillagalli be the first speaker. More discussion was had about designating jobs for recording speakers.

**Forsythe Committee:** The Committee is researching John Forsythe and property on Westtown Rd. Steve will contact drone operator to survey property and assess neglect. Discussion was also had regarding Isaac Winters family and connections to Forsythe property and Forbes house on Little Shiloh Rd. Steve suggested we contact Cheryl White. Also discussed was the probability of the Winters family hiding slaves and a West Goshen connection to Underground Railroad.

**Speaker Series:** Steve Lyons advised, Steve Edinbo, a Thomas Jefferson reenactor for upcoming speaker series will send contract by next meeting. Will be \$650 for 1 hour plus Q & A after he speaks.

Rick suggested, Adam Waterbearer DePaul, a member of the Lenni Lenape, as a speaker. He attended a presentation a Quaker meeting and reported that there was a great deal of interest. Possible Spring speaking event. Rick will check with him it.

Kent discussed a possible presentation on one room schoolhouses in our area for future.

**New Business:**

**Chester County 250:** Mike advised we received a “Star Spangles Invitation” from the Chester County 250 Commission to participate in the America250 celebration. Discussion was had regarding the seven themes. Bonnie advised that no political projects will be allowed, and all must be approved by the township supervisors. Bonnie also recommended that we go to East Goshen to ask for a joint project. Mike advised we check with township commissioners to see what they have planned. Discussion was had regarding possible activities. Rick suggested that we document and record our celebration events.

Mike will contact Chris Bashore to inquire about what the township has planned.

**Commission Members:** Kathy advised that Chris Bashore got back to her about Norm Pine, who has not attended in over a year. His term expires in 2024 and he can be replaced at that time. Discussion was had about how many members are permitted on commission. Bonnie advised that we had 13 at one time.

**There being no further business, Bonnie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nancy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.**