

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

**Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2017**

Commission Members:

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

Absent: Nancy McCabe, Elizabeth Dean, Christine Suhadolnik, Edward Tiernan, Charles Ulmann

Others Present: N/A

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Vice President Michael Pilligalli on behalf of President Nancy McCabe.

Roll call of members present

Secretary, Kevin Pistiner, recorded all meeting attendees.

Reading of minutes of last meeting

Pilligalli reviewed and approved minutes of February 23, 2017.

Officers reports

No news to report.

Committee reports

No news to report.

Agenda

Bicentennial Celebration

Hugh Purnell mentioned that the event is estimated to cost \$52,000, which will be divided equally between West Goshen Township and East Goshen Township. West Goshen Township has allocated \$5,000 towards the annual budget of the Historical Commission, which could be used for the bicentennial event. East Goshen has already allocated their portion of the event costs. Donations towards the event may be made to the West Goshen Friends of the Park or directly to the Township. Funds may also be available through the state government. Approximately sixty-six volunteers are needed to assist with the event.

Walsh suggested that we contact local companies for sponsorships, including QVC, Synthes, Mars, O'Rourke, Iceline, and LA Fitness. May 15, 2017 is the deadline for sponsorships, which will be displayed on event banners and flyers. The event will be

marketed through Facebook, the Township website, Hershey Mill's public access television station, Daily Local News, West Chester Area School District, corporate parks, homeowner's associations, and the YMCA. The event could also be publicized in the Summer Recreation Book, summer camp magazines, Fig Magazine, WC Press, and Chester County Chamber of Commerce's weekly email announcements.

Pilligalli mentioned that we could publicize and solicit donations for the event at the township's Easter Egg Hunt. A display of historic artifacts related to West Goshen Township will be installed in the second-floor hallway of the Township building. Residents are asked to loan objects to be displayed within the exhibit.

Smith suggested that we ask Township resident Thomas Gavin to stand in as the judge during the petition signing reenactment. Current West Goshen and East Goshen Township supervisors could also participate in the ceremony.

Overview of event timeline on June 3, 2017 at East Goshen Township Park:

2:00 pm: Battle of the Clouds presentation at the Chester County Chamber of Commerce

3:30 pm: Reenactment of Goshen Township separation petition signing

4:00 pm: Pistol duel and battlefield demonstration

5:00 pm: Paoli Hospital helicopter landing

8:30 pm (or after sunset): Fireworks

Continuous Activities: Benjamin Franklin impersonator demonstrating inventions, Paoli Hospital health screenings, eight to ten food trucks, petting zoo, face painting booth, and a Wharton Escherick Museum display.

Davis mentioned that the historical reenactment event scheduled for Sunday, August 6, 2017 at the West Goshen Township Park is finalized.

Hugh Purnell mentioned that the classic car show scheduled for May 20, 2017 at the West Goshen Township Park is finalized. Volunteers are needed to assist with the event.

Announcements

Historical Commission member Christine Suhadolnik regrets to inform everyone that she has resigned from her position. She is no longer a resident of West Goshen Township. Christine has joined a new historical commission to continue her passion of historic preservation and research.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Pilligalli moved to adjourn the meeting. Pistiner second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Pistiner
Secretary