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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**  
**January 9, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin, Jane Fava, Bryan Delmonte, Scott Sanders and new member Jackie DiAntonio. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner, Park & Recreation Board, Don McConathy, Board of Supervisors, and Connie Bain, Historical Commission.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Election of officers for 2008 followed. Ginnie Newlin nominated Jane Fava for Chairman. Scott seconded the nomination. Jane Fava nominated Bryan Delmonte for Vice Chairman. Scott seconded the nomination. Scott moved to close the nominations. Voting was unanimous.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Ginnie Newlin moved to accept the minutes as corrected from the December 12, 2007 meeting. Walter Wujcik seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

a. Willistown Township wants to establish communication with East Goshen. Jane is very interested in the preserve they are developing so she will contact them.

b. ABC meeting – Jane will do the presentation of the Board's goals and accomplishments. The meeting starts at 7:45 am.

c. Jane reported that the Forest Advisory Council turned down the pre-grant application because the scope of the project was not national.

d. Jane received 3 sets of manuals from the Urban Watershed Forestry. She feels they will be a good reference.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. The Board discussed a note that was received from a resident stating the serpentine rock is a natural form of asbestos.

b. Ginnie said Marty Shane asked if the Board could make a list of what people can do to help the environment. Don mentioned that the renovation of the District Court is green based.

c. Spring Planting – Ann Murphy requested that, in the order for the spring planting, 50 of the trees be ordered with stakes and tubes. Octararo does not supply stakes, so they will have to be ordered somewhere else. Walter reminded Ginnie that the Board wanted to get a few larger trees this year. Jane also commented that this is a flood plain and it may be better to use fencing instead of tubes. The fencing isn't as likely to be pushed over by the water when it rises. It was suggested that the silt fencing and stakes, which the YMCA will be discarding, be stockpiled for this use. Also the County may be able to assist in getting people who are on probation or have to do public service hours, to come and pull out the stakes so there would be no cost.

d. Bryan reported that a resident, Ben Rohrbeck, wants to donate a New American Chestnut Tree at the Blacksmith Shop. The Conservancy Board approved this but wants to check the location because of the wetland.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Ginnie reported that Octararo Nursery has given a \$90 credit for the trees owed the Board.

b. Tree Vitalize – Ann Murphy is going to check to see if East Goshen can be included in the Tree Vitalize Program which requires adjacent communities to participate.

c. Signs at Applebrook – Mike said 2 signs were ordered. Only one will be installed at Applebrook. The extra pedestal will be removed to use elsewhere. The 2<sup>nd</sup> sign will be kept for replacement in the future.

6. **SUBDIVISIONS**

- a. Mita, 1645 E. Strasburg Rd. – The plans haven't gone to the Planning Commission yet. It is part of the development of the Grace Estate. It is new construction. The Board reviewed the plant list, which looked okay.

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

- a. Ginnie mentioned that an area at the Reservoir Rd. project has been blacktopped. Bryan pointed out that it is only big enough for 2 cars. Jane and Ginnie are concerned that no one discussed this with the Board. It was supposed to be gravel.

8. **LAISION REPORTS**

- a. Historic Commission – Connie reported that the first Living History Day will be June 7, 2008 and will celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Plank House. Part of the path that goes from the Plank House along Boot Road into Applebrook has a board over the waterway. Connie said debris has collected there so water isn't flowing through.
- b. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that a family came to the last meeting about geocacheing. They are going to draft a policy for the Park Board to consider. He feels this will be done via permits. Behind the new pavilion there is a lot of multi-flora rose which will be removed. Jane strongly suggested that a plan be made for what will be planted to replace it or else another invasive (poison ivy) will grow there.
- c. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that Marty Shane is the Chairman for 2008. There will be a joint meeting with the Deer Committee on Jan. 22, 2008. They are going to do a sewer rate study to determine if the rates are fair and they may consider a meter system.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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