

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, Walter Wujcik, Bryan Delmonte, Scott Sanders, and Sandra Snyder. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner, Park & Recreation Board, Don McConathy, Board of Supervisors, Dolores Higgins, new member of the Historical Commission and Bill Eagan, resident.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Scott Sanders moved to accept the minutes as corrected from the February 13, 2008 meeting. Walter Wujcik seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Jane attended a presentation at West Chester University by a man from Lawrenceville, NJ, who was trying to create an eco-community. He wants to set it up as a 503b instead of part of the local government. They have 13 committees taking responsibility for different categories, i.e., creeks, trees, etc. They have a website.

b. EAC Conference – Jane, Walter and Ginnie attended this meeting at Villanova. There were breakout sessions on green buildings and alternative energy. Walter mentioned that cost savings was a big item of discussion.

c. Jane reported that on March 20, 2008 the EPA will have 2 seminars at West Chester University on how to build a green building from scratch and how to convert an existing building.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. YMCA Trees – Bob Huebner discussed areas that the Park & Recreation Board were considering for these trees. Also, the Park Board feels the total number of trees should be divided 50/50 between them and the Conservancy Board. The Conservancy Board agreed with this. However, the actual total number of trees that will be available seems to be unverified. Bryan had notes about a letter from Rick Smith indicating 240. Don thinks it is 300. Jane confirmed that the trees will need protection from being rubbed by the deer. Jane suggested that the Park Board make their list of locations and tree types available so the Conservancy Board can determine if they are appropriate for the location. Scott feels it would be better to plant in the fall to avoid any possible drought in the summer.

b. Ideas for Education – The Board of Supervisors is requesting ideas for educational opportunities for the residents. Sandy feels something for the 4th of July, like greening your house, native plant list, birds, etc. would be a good opportunity. Bryan has posters from the backyard bird count, which show the most common birds in this area. Dolores suggested putting one in the park. Jane has a poster about wetlands/water.

Sandy suggested giving handouts at the April 12th Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day. She feels it should be about trash, explaining what/why trash is detrimental.

c. Newsletter – Scott volunteered to do an article for the August Newsletter on the topic of bugs.

6. SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT

a. CTDI – Goshen Parkway. Jane and Scott visited the site and agree that evergreens should be the larger trees. They suggest that some planting should be done after the building is complete. They could then determine where to plant them. Scott feels the residents are quite a bit away and screening should be mostly white pines. There are some existing pines but the deciduous trees need to be trimmed back so the

pinetrees can fill in. Also, two back corners should have larger trees. The pine trees need to be trimmed to 40 feet and maintained at that height. The Director of HR for CTDI was present and commented that they are still reviewing contracts, so it won't be starting soon. They are aware of the comments about putting trees on the hill, etc. They want direction from the Board. Scott feels there is room on the berm for trees. Bill Eagan is concerned that the plan as is, is good and meets basic requirements and should be approved. Then, the location for additional trees can be determined later. Jane will send a letter to the Planning Commission with these suggestions.

- b. Sullivan's Grove – This is a subdivision for 4 houses. They will remove 17 trees. The site is where the old firehouse annex was. Comcast has a building there now. There is no landscaping plan yet. Don believes Comcast building is coming out and that new plans were submitted, which don't show the Comcast building.
- c. McStravick, 104 Tramore Circle – A variance for 3% of pervious coverage for a swimming pool. No trees are coming down. Conservancy Board took no action.
- d. Sorrell Hill, Line Rd. – They have land development and Building permit for one house. New plans take footage from the existing house to make the lots of the new house large enough to put in a swimming pool if they want one. Conservancy Board took no action.

7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

- a. None

8. LAISION REPORTS

- a. Deer Committee – They are getting closer to setting up a hunting plan for next year on four open space parcels. They also had a meeting with hunting clubs/groups.
- b. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the three front tennis courts need patching. The Board stuffed bags for the egg hunt, which will be held on Saturday March 15th. The Board will walk the Chester Creek site to inspect for mowing.
- c. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that the traffic light at Ellis Lane & Paoli Pike has been fixed to activate when there is a car waiting. The school sign was programmed to be on only when school is in. It was decided to apply for a grant for the Applebrook/Line Road path. Also, it will be macadam and will go to Boot Rd. The Township wants to install a traffic light at Paoli Pike and Line Rd. The BOS would like the Conservancy Board to submit a detailed plan with costs for the plantings along East Boot Road.
- d. Historic Commission – Dolores reported that March 15th is National History Day at Immaculatta.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Bill Eagan asked about fertilizing lawns. Jane said it is better to do this in the fall because it promotes root growth. Spring only promotes top growth.

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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