

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**

April 9, 2008

7:00 P.M.

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, Walter Wujcik, Bryan Delmonte, Scott Sanders, and Ginnie Newlin. 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. Walter Wujcik moved to accept the minutes as corrected from the March 12, 2008 meeting. Bryan Delmonte seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. Ginnie Newlin abstained.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. The Board of Supervisors wants a quarterly report of the Conservancy Board's projects. Jane will do this.
- b. Growing Greener Grant – The Conservancy Board was denied an additional grant but was told they could resubmit. The deadline is May 16, 2008. However, the Board of Supervisors requires a presentation for them to approve before submitting an application for any grants. Jane commented that there are less funds available and thinks they will be denied again. The Board members feel they should try to resubmit.
- c. YMCA – The total number of trees has still not been verified. Jane has notes that it is 294 and Don feels that is correct. At a meeting with the Y on March 15, 2008, there was no agreement on the number of trees and the Y will provide a landscape plan.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bryan registered East Goshen Park for a frog watch. So far he has only heard the Spring peeper. There is a bull frog in the springhouse. He goes twice a week around 7 pm for 3 minutes. There is a website for this and he has put information on it to make this location official.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Chester Creek Planting will be held Saturday April 19, 2008 from 9 am to 12 noon rain or shine. Ginnie believes there will be more people there this year. The Board reviewed the order for the trees. Scott feels the number of ash trees should be limited. The Board agreed to 5 green ash and 5 others. Ginnie said there is a \$95 credit from Octoraro to use. After discussion about using tubes on the trees, the Board tabled this decision until the fall. The \$95 will be used for more trees. For refreshments, Mark usually brings water. Jane will order Starbucks coffee and Bryan will pick it up. Stakes will be put out to mark the locations for planting the trees.
- b. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day is this Saturday, April 12, 2008.
- c. Forest Restoration – Jane will find out if someone can come from the Forestry service to assist the Board with planning the planting at Paoli Pike and Line Road. The Board needs guidance on the type of trees and the spacing.

6. SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT

- a. YMCA – The landscape plan along Airport Road is to provide screening for the residents across the street. The area is about 250 feet long. There will be 40 deciduous trees that will blend in with the existing trees. However, the Board feels that the "service berries" are shrubs not trees and shouldn't be included in the total 40 trees. The board approved the plan.
- b. Matlack Florist – This is mostly interior work. The Board took no action.

- c. T Mobile – Mike explained that T Mobile wants to put equipment on a pole at the corner of Eldridge and Rt. 352. The Township wants them to put it on the 4th pole south of the intersection so it won't obstruct residents' views.
- d. Lynch – Clocktower Farm – The owner wants to run a bed and breakfast there but doesn't want to live there, as the ordinance requires. East Boot Road is not considered a through road. If this is approved, it will put a commercial enterprise in a residential area.

7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

- a. Ginnie mentioned that Mr. Angelini, who has property adjoining Hershey's Mill, built a new house and a pole barn on the property. He removed 200 feet of trees, ground them up and put them in a pile near concrete barriers. Mike and Ginnie made a visit to the site. Mr. Angelini believes that he owns 16 feet from Devonshire to his property. Mike took measurements. There is a question about where his property ends and whether he owned all the trees he took down.
- b. Jane voiced concern about the Yerkes letter dealing with the Hershey's Mill dam. The DEP says the township must have a permit for the dam now. The Board of Supervisors asked Yerkes to look at options. Jane is concerned that Yerkes is not a stream restorer. She is concerned about their suggestions for getting rid of the silt and restoring the stream. She thinks the price is too high and there are others in Lancaster who have the expertise and more reasonable pricing. Don asked her to give Rick their information.

8. LAISION REPORTS

- a. Board of Supervisors & Deer Committee – Don reported the hunting program was approved on 5 open space areas. They are working with Willistown where there are more open space areas. Walter reported that they met with 5 groups and will probably let all 5 hunt. Deer season starts in September. The deer stations are being monitored for use.
- b. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the Egg Hunt went well. The Board gave recognition to some teenagers who helped Frank with a nutrition program. Mark painted the bathrooms but they were vandalized. They are considering installing timed locks. Bryan mentioned that he went to the Reservoir Dam and there is a pretty bad graffiti situation there. He feels the area could be nicer with some work. Scott still feels this would be a good area to put some trees.
- c. Historic Commission – Dolores reported that they are busy planning their upcoming events.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Dolores mentioned that the bird poster Bryan provided is posted at the park and people are using it.

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 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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