

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**

May 14, 2008

7:00 P.M.

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, Sandra Snyder, Bryan Delmonte, Scott Sanders, and Ginnie Newlin. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner, Park & Recreation Board, Don McConathy, Board of Supervisors, Susan Carty, Planning Commission and Bill Eagan, resident.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Sandra Snyder moved to accept the minutes as corrected from the April 9, 2008 meeting. Bryan Delmonte seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Jane submitted the quarterly report that the Board of Supervisors wants.
b. YMCA Trees - The goal is to plant them this Fall. Rick Smith sent a memo out suggesting that the Conservancy Board get 110 of the trees to plant. Jane contacted Gerry Hertel, with West Chester University. He agreed to come meet with the Board to discuss the reforestation project. Jane will get a few Saturday dates from him and let everyone know when to meet at the Line Road site.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. April 19, 2008 Chester Creek clean up and planting – Ginnie reported that things went well. They had 33 volunteers there and were done in a few hours. She will check the site this week. They received the extra \$95 in trees and everything was satisfactory.
- b. Tree Protection – Don commented that he has received comments of concern about the cost of the trees and possible damage from deer. Some people feel the trees should be protected. Bob mentioned that several large clear tubes were removed during the cleanup because they were coming down. Sometimes they pull the tree down with them. Jane commented that in flood plains chicken wire is sometimes used because it allows the water to pass through. Don asked if they knew what the survival rate is of the trees that have been planted. No record of this sort exists, so, Bryan will find a way to mark the new trees and keep a record of how they develop.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Invasive Plants – Ginnie proposed that the Board engage Dan Guy of Weeds Inc. to do something about the multiflora that is coming up at Chester Creek. She feels he did a very good job last year. Bryan volunteered to contact him.
- b. Ginnie is reading “The Once and Future Forest” which gives a history of the forests in this area when settlers arrived. The book describes the importance of the relationship between the trees, plants and animals in the development and maintenance of a forest.
- c. Ginnie got an email from Kathryn Yahares about a project with the Boy Scouts involving the boardwalk. She will get more details.

6. SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT

- a. Furbee, 1317 Park Ave (V) – They want to put an addition on the front of the house. No landscape plan. No action needed by the Conservancy Board.
- b. Zoning Amendment to C-5 District – The Timothy School, a private school for autistic children, is considering purchasing the building across the street from the Township Building. There was no action needed by the Conservancy Board.

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

- a. None

8. **LAISION REPORTS**

- a. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the pad for the new pavilion was poured. Jack Yahraes and Bob supervised some students from the Phelps School in repairing and installing a split rail fence near Bellingham and along E. Boot Road. Ben Rohrbeck used some of the rails to make a worm fence. The Historical Commission wants to have a split rail, worm rail and stone fence as samples of the fences that were used in colonial times.
- b. Planning Commission - Susan reported that the Lynch request for use of their property as a bed & breakfast passed but was not unanimous. It now goes to the Board of Supervisors. They had a discussion about the YMCA and issues regarding parking and students walking. They also recommended DEP approval regarding sewage pumps at Hershey's Mill.
- c. Historical Commission - Susan reported for Kathryn Yahraes. Ben Rohrbeck received an award from the PHMC for volunteer of the year at the Brandywine Battlefield. Commission members are working on something for the Township website. Town Tours and Village Walks starts Thursday nights June 12 and are free. Living History Day is Saturday June 7, 2008 from 10 am to 4 pm. Jane divided the day into 2-hour shifts and got volunteers for all day.
- d. Board of Supervisors – Don passed around a copy of the 7th Congressional District News from Joe Sestak, which featured an article about the East Goshen Plank House and open space. T-Mobile asked for a variance but no decision was made. The Supervisors want them to make the boxes the same color as the phone poles. They approved requests from AT&T Wireless and Matlack.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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