

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2008

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held their regularly schedule meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members in attendance were: Chair man Jane Fava, Sandra Snyder, Bryan Delmonte, Ginnie Newlin , Scott Sanders and Walter Wujcik. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Heubner (Park & Recreation), Delores Higgins (Historical Commission), Don McConathy & Joe McDonough (Board of Supervisors) and Gerry Hertel (West Chester University).

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ginnie Newlin moved to accept the minutes as corrected from the May 14, 2008 meeting. Sandra Snyder seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. A quarterly report is due in June.
2. Jane sent Jackie DiAntonio an email requesting a final decision on her intentions to resign. Once confirmed, the Board of Supervisors will find a replacement.
3. The Board of Supervisors are concerned about recycling in the township. Right now BFI only recycles #1 and #2 items but may do more in the fall, following their facility construction. There was a newsletter article and there have been some issues with the current trash company that are currently being addressed by Rick & the Board.
4. The bulk trash pick-up days are Thursday, 8/14 and Friday, 8/15. There was a misprint in the newsletter. A notice of the correct days will be included with the trash bills.
5. The DMC asked for input regarding what type of paint to use for marking trees. Members agreed that "landscaping paint" was fine, although it is unclear how weather resistant it is.
6. An evaluation of the landscaping at the Reserve at Spring Meadow needs to be coordinated with Mike Gambone and Tom Coone.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. YMCA Trees with Gerry Hertel (WCU)
Gerry Hertel, a former professor at West Chester University and current manager of the Gordon Natural Area on the South Campus (150 acres) agreed to advise the CB on their reforestation project on Paoli Pike/Line Road. The YMCA donated 110, 3" caliber trees but they need to decide on species and placement. Ginnie would like to focus on historical plantings but Gerry said they may be difficult to get. Where they plant, in an understory vs. open land, will determine plant species. Gerry explained that during the Gordon area reforestation project, they planted about 205 trees on 1 acre of land so they should expect to cover about 1/2 acre with their 110 trees; going to a quality nursery is important. Jane emphasized that maintaining the area to promote the development of the understory is important. Members agreed that deer protection is critical. Gerry pointed out that invasive plants are impacting the area eco-system and applauded the project. Gerry needs to walk the site to better advise the CB and is available in a couple of weeks. Jane will coordinate a Saturday
2. Living History Day
Delores Higgins thanked Jane and Sandra for their participation in Living History Day. It was a smaller turn-out then in year's past because of the extreme heat; Sandra praised the event. The next Living History Day is September 20th. Walter said there is a Boy Scout project to put up markings identifying plants along the boardwalk. Scott mentioned that Romanville Meeting House is looking to give away about 30 old beans if the Historical Commission has any interest/use for them.

1 **E. SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

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3 **Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, 1354 Boot Road**

4 *Alison Zarro, Attorney with Riley Riper Hollin & Colagreco was present for the applicant, along with*
5 *Rich Warner, Senior Director of Comcast Data Management Ctr. and Brett MacKay, landscape*
6 *architect with Chester Valley Engineers.*

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8 Ms. Zarro explained that Comcast has filed an application to place 9 satellite dishes at their Boot Rd.
9 & Wilson Drive location. They have appeared before the Planning Commission and met with the
10 Millcreek residents regarding the project. They return to the Planning Commission on July 2nd and
11 they were asked to get a recommendation and/or feedback from the Conservancy Board.

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13 Rich Warner explained that Comcast has an “Earth Station” located in Colorado. In an effort to create
14 an east coast presence for video collection, they will place 9 satellite dishes to receive information,
15 which is then distributed via fiberoptic cables. The dishes must face southwest and presented a sketch
16 plan depicting their location on the Comcast site. The Gibes family is the only Millcreek resident who
17 will actually be able to see the dishes from their property. They have proposed landscaping and a
18 wall, along with additional plantings on the existing berm for screening.

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20 The dishes are 15’ high (12’ dish plus a base). The screening wall can be a maximum of 6’ high
21 without signal degradation and will watch the building façade. Members examined the sketch
22 drawing depicting the “dish farm” layout – 6 dishes on the inside, closest to the building, and 3 dishes
23 on the outside, visible from the Gibes’ property. Dishes will be painted the same color as the Comcast
24 building to minimize visual impact.

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26 Brett MacKay explained that they met with residents regarding the existing berm, conducted site
27 walks and identified areas with buffering gaps, coming to some terms about how to improve the area;
28 they are working on implementation. In regards to the dish farm landscaping they are somewhat
29 limited because of the height restriction so they are looking at hollies, hydrangeas and understory
30 shrubs. They will also be adding surplus plantings along Wilson Drive. Jane said they generally
31 recommend native species – no invasive species – but they can address that in detail during the land
32 development stage. Members support the project.

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34 *Public Comment:*

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36 Don McConathy brought up the generator noise incident and asked the applicant to discuss their
37 proposed 20’ sound barrier. Rich Warner explained that occasionally all five generators may come
38 on at the same time; the smallest generator actually creates the most noise. In an effort to reduce
39 sound levels at the resident line as the ordinance mandates, they are looking into insulated panels or
40 embossed concrete panels to improve sound and aesthetics. Rich presented a sketch plan and
41 explained the wall location/service entrance; existing plants are on the berm but they have yet to
42 mature and provide adequate screening. Don said there is a Boot Rd. expansion project planned for
43 this summer to improve traffic flow. Joe McDonough asked the applicant to provide statistical data
44 from their sound engineer when they visit the Board of Supervisors with their final decision.

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46 **F. NEW BUSINESS**

- 47 1. Recycling – Jane would like to look into the feasibility of reopening the recycling center. Sandra
48 would like to find out the cost of putting a recycling bin at every, or at least every other, trash
49 station in the park, noting that recycling needs to be more accessible to residents; Bob Heubner
50 will look into the cost/quantity. Don said Deb Bundy is known as the “Recycling Queen of
51 Bowtree” and could be contacted for assistance in developing a recycling program. Don also has
52 a copy of the refuse contract, listing what products can be recycled; penalties can be imposed for
53 improper recycling. There are inconsistencies between this as what was advertised in the

1 newsletter. Sandra will work with Diane Degnan to research and clearly define for the next
2 newsletter.

- 3 2. Sullivan's Grove – Members reviewed the landscape plan, originally dated 8/31/05 and last
4 revised 2/4/08. Ginnie said there were too many outstanding Yerkes comments that needed to
5 addressed before they review but Mike said Rick is looking for some feedback from the
6 Conservancy Board; an updated plan is expected. Members review the sketch plan and agree that
7 the list of plantings include a lot of Japanese species. Jane will draft a letter to Rick stating that
8 the Conservancy Board agrees with Yerkes' comments, they want to see the revised plan and the
9 tentative list of plantings is lacking in native species. Jane pointed out that there is a
10 detention/retention basin in Kennett Square that is beautifully landscaped, not just filled with a
11 seed mix (which is ultimately taken over by invasive plants). If properly maintained these areas
12 can be beautiful area; she would like to see a more innovative approach.
- 13 3. T-Mobile – No landscape plan. No action is needed by the Conservancy Board.
- 14 4. Weeds, Inc. – Bryan Delmonte distributed a bid from Bryan O'Neal for members to review. Drew
15 verified the validity of the sites but Ginnie thinks more follow-up on the Reservoir Preserve is
16 needed. Ginnie Newlin moved that the Conservancy Board accept the bid from Weeds, Inc. for
17 the 2008 season. Walter Wujcik seconded the motion. No public comment of discussion was
18 heard. The motion passed. Total charges are under \$2000 and within budget.
- 19 5. Reservoir Road Tree – of the 97 recent plantings, Bryan Delmonte identified 45 trees at the
20 Reservoir Road Preserve and tagged them with white flex tape, noting the tree species and date
21 planted on each. Members agreed that a 6 mth. follow up (early October) would be good.
- 22 6. Reserve at Spring Meadow – because the housing development is responsible for replacing dead
23 plantings through 2010, the Conservancy Board arranges an annual site walk for review. Jane will
24 have Rick coordinate with Yerkes a weekday site visit around 1pm and notify members.

25 26 **G. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

27 Ginnie reported that she received an email regarding a young girl who was interested in doing
28 environmental work; it was suggested that she attend a Conservancy Board meeting. There are no
29 projects at the present time. Mike Steinberger wrote a letter about the invasive species around the
30 sewer treatment plant.

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32 Sandra suggested setting up an informational table during the 4th of July event is distribute
33 information about recycling; she would like to see the Conservancy Board have more of a presence at
34 township events. Jane has a supply of literature on invasive species, recycling and bird species. Bob
35 pointed out the Deer Management Committee will have a table set up but is limiting handouts to
36 avoid littering; the Historical Commission will not be there. Because 4th of July is too soon, Bob
37 suggested they target the Pumpkin Festival on October 18th and members agree.

38 39 **H. LIAISON REPORTS**

- 40 1. *Delores Higgins, Historical Commission* – asked if they knew of any Hawthorn tree locations in
41 the township as they are collecting the thorns. It was suggested that the Conservancy Board offer
42 guided walks on the boardwalk or park during the next Living History Day.
- 43 2. *Don McConathy, Board of Supervisors* - they need a recommendation and rough replacement
44 cost for the planting area along East Boot Road. Ginnie pointed out that the hedgerow was
45 removed per the Board of Supervisors' request; safety was a concern. Don will discuss design
46 requirements with the Board, after which the Conservancy Board will suggest species. The Board
47 of Supervisors is also concerned about the lack of plantings in front of the township building and
48 is looking for suggestions. Members agree that hiring a landscape company would be best; they
49 can collaborate on plantings or suggested alternate improvements like fountains or sculptures.
- 50 3. Bob Heubner, Park & Recreation – reported that the 4th of July celebration is coming up; raindate
51 on Sunday. The new pavilion is slated to open on June 18th. Two memorial benches have been
52 added to the park. Barley bails were placed in Marydell and will be monitored over the summer.
53 A permit was issued for the 10K Bowtree/Applebrook run. There will be on Park & Recreation
54 meeting in July. Castings were suggested to be added to some of the scenic locations throughout

1 the park/township (ie. Chamber building, Spring House); they are currently researching and
2 working with the Historical Commission.

- 3 4. Walter Wujcik, Deer Management Committee – reported that the Board of Supervisors approved
4 hunting on 4 township parcels; 5 hunting groups were selected to management these properties:
5 Bowtree, Millcreek, Grand Oak and Supplee Valley. Bow-hunting will begin September 20th.
6 Hershey’s Mill is buying (4) 4-Post Feeders, rounding out coverage throughout the township.
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8 **I. ADJOURNMENT**

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10 There being no further business to discuss, Sandra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott
11 seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.
12 The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.
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14 Respectfully submitted by: _____
15 *Tracie Hill, Recording Secretary*