

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**

**July 9, 2008**

**7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 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, Dolores Higgins, Historical 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. Bryan Delmonte moved to accept the minutes as corrected from the June 11, 2008 meeting. Sandra Snyder seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

a. Jane will not be at the August meeting.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Recycling – Jane had a news article, which reported that some towns in several states are using a rewards system to increase participation in recycling. Residents get points toward vouchers that they can redeem at local retailers. Bob Huebner commented that in Delaware County, the recyclables are weighed at the curb. A new facility will open in King of Prussia in the Fall, which will handle more types of plastics. Residents will probably be notified in the January Newsletter. Jane got a second recycle bin at the Township building just to put newspapers in. East High School collects paper as a fundraiser for a scholarship program. Susan will check to see if the Township can advertise this.
- b. YMCA Trees – A meeting was held with Gerry Hertel, from West Chester University, July 5, 2008 at Applebrook. This project will require regular maintenance including watering and tubes around the trees. The trees will have to have enough space to mow between them. Jane would like someone on the regular Public Works staff assigned to do this. Jane attended a conference where they discussed specific understory and ground covers. Clover is good for this. Scott commented that wood chips around the trees will keep the weeds from growing and hold in moisture. Ginnie pointed out that fresh chips take the nitrogen out of the soil.
- c. Invasive Plants – Bryan reported that Weeds Inc has started on the work signed off by Rick Smith. They completed the Reservoir area, hillside strip area and blacksmith shop area. Ginnie wants to walk with him to be sure he is aware of invasive plants. Bryan agreed that the sites should be walked some time after that applications are done to be sure it is effective.
- d. Boot Road Planting – The Board of Supervisors is waiting for a recommendation. Ginnie feels there could be some plantings that won't be so dense. Don was hoping the Board could get one of the nurseries to do the work and maintenance. Scott suggested Schenin Nurseries for the purchase of materials because they have to get rid of everything by Winter. Ginnie will provide a list of plants that grow under walnut trees.
- e. PEC – The Board wants to maintain their membership. Jane will check on the budget to see about sending a contribution.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Ashbridge – Don and Bill Hartman, of the Willistown Conservation Trust, met to discuss this area with the following results:
  - 1. Two wooden bridges were built several years ago but the area has deteriorated. They want to get some scouts to restore it.
  - 2. They want a walking path plan
  - 3. They need a parking area for construction vehicles
  - 4. They want to install stepping stones using large barrels filled with stones sunk in the creek bed. This will require DEP permit.
- b. Newsletter Articles are due August 8<sup>th</sup>. Scott will write about the gypsy moth and Jane will write about the importance of a woodland.

6. **SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

- a. Comcast – Brett McKay presented a landscape plan regarding conditional use for installation of satellite dishes on the property. They reviewed the materials in order to use more native species. Ginnie asked that the Barberries be removed because they are invasive. The new wall will be 6 ft tall. It can't be taller because it would interfere with the signals. The landscaping materials along the current wall will be moved outside the new wall. The Board was okay with the new plan. Since there is a hearing scheduled for July 15, 2008, they requested that the Board send a letter to Rick Smith. Also, Comcast representatives walked the berm with the residents. They put markers in and will add 21 evergreen trees to help block the view.

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

- a. Ginnie was at the boardwalk and the signs on the railings have moisture in them. Mike suggested they laminate them and put them in a plastic cover. Looks like all the beech trees died.

8. **LAISION REPORTS**

- a. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks were delayed because of rain until Sunday July 6th. They were able to get the band back for the raindate too. Recycle bins in the park are only needed at the restrooms and pavilions.
- b. Planning Commission - Susan reported that Comcast and Tmobile were approved.
- c. Historical Commission - Dolores reported that the Clocktower B&B was approved. She asked about the status of the chestnut tree at the Plank House. Bryan said they are usually sold in the winter or early spring. The supply is limited through the foundation. Ginnie said a chestnut tree takes up a large area and she isn't sure the area selected is large enough. Bryan said they are called the sequoias of the east and, if they survive, can grow to 10 feet in diameter.
- d. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that the next meeting is on deer management. Comcast and Tmobile hearings are coming up.

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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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