

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Vice Chairman Bryan Delmonte, Sandra Snyder, Scott Sanders, Walter Wujcik and Ginnie Newlin. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner, Park & Recreation Board, Don McConathy, Board of Supervisors, John Wujcik and Bill Eagan, resident.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Ginnie Newlin moved to accept the minutes as corrected from the July 9, 2008 meeting. Scott Sanders seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. There will be a vacancy on the Conservancy Board. Jackie told Jane she is going to resign. Don said Jane needs to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. East Boot Road – Ginnie dropped off a list of plants that can be planted near walnut trees, at the Township Building. Since that was not included in the packet for the Board, this was tabled until next month.
- b. Invasive Plants – Bryan reported that Weeds Inc. has completed all the work. Ginnie is concerned that some things may have been missed. Bryan suggested a walk thru to check the areas. Bryan will contact Weeds Inc to get a date when they are available.
- c. Recycling – The new facility in King of Prussia is open. The township will change over to a “single stream” collection, which means all recyclables will be put in the same bin.
- d. Township Landscaping – Scott commented that Shemin Nursery is probably getting ready to clean out their product. He will see what they have available. Ginnie feels the left side of the entrance is fine. The right side gets a lot of sun. There is an azalea there so maybe more of them will work. Don reminded the Board that the Board of Supervisors wants them to see if a nursery will donate or sell at cost in return for advertising.
- e. YMCA Trees Substitutions – The Board reviewed an email from Joel Comanda, which listed the trees they want to substitute in the area along Airport Rd in front of the YMCA. Ginnie and Scott did not like the 3rd substitution. They suggest a shellbark hickory or American beech. Bryan will respond.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Cedar Tree - The bottom branches were cut off the Cedar tree in the island at Boot Road and Paoli Pike. Scott was very upset. This tree has been there for many years. Don found out that a township crew member did the cutting. Scott suggested planting a second cedar tree next to the existing one. Eventually the new one will fill in some. Ginnie feels that pruning should be done only by professionals who know what they are doing. Scott feels that, if the township had put mulch around the tree, mowing would have been easier and this wouldn't have happened. Scott will get the cost.
- b. Bottled Water – Ginnie had an article about bottled water and problems associated with the plastic. She will put this information together for the newsletter. She feels the BOS should take a stand against bottled water.
- c. Pond Maintenance – The Park & Recreation Board was asked to look into this subject by the BOS. The Pin Oak pond had a bubbler installed a few years ago and the result has been good. Barley straw was used at Marydell and Bow Tree but Bob thinks it takes a few years to see any results.

6. **SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

- a. J. Bower, 935 Cornwallis Dr, wants to divide the lot. The back lot will be about 2 acres. Five trees will be removed and will not be replaced because it's less than 20%. There is no landscape plan. The Board had no comments.

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

- a. Scott is concerned that all of the foliage along the reservoir was removed. Don reported that the BOS approved this, based on complaints and a survey of the residents. Scott pointed out that it does make the area more inviting for recreation. There is more space for people to use the benches and to fish. He feels a part of the area should be graveled for parking.

8. **LAISION REPORTS**

- a. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that a resident from Applebrook came to the last meeting. He represented the residents who are against a macadam path along Line Road. They only want the path to go from Paoli Pike to the PECO station. If the July 4th fireworks is held next year, the board discussed having additional vendors. Mark will put recycling bins at both Pavilions. Ginnie feels that wherever there is a trashcan, there should be a recycle bin, i.e. at the Blacksmith Shop. The Pumpkin Festival will be Oct. 18, 2008. At 12:15 p.m. there will be a dedication ceremony at the new “Veterans Memorial Pavilion”. They are planning this event along with the Historic Commission. They are inviting local dignitaries, will have re-enactors, and recognition of Township veterans and active military. The September meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Board of Supervisors – On September 10, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. there will be the dedication of the new District Court. The open house will be from 12 to 3 p.m. The Board has had several meetings regarding deer management. Everything is in place to do a hunt. The Clubs will mark the areas where they will hunt. YMCA trees – They need to have the list of trees by the next meeting in order to plant in the fall. Ginnie wants to have the soil sent to Penn State and tested. The Conservancy Board approved this. Bryan and Ginnie will take care of collecting the soil. Bids for the sewer plant are due by the end of August. A decision should be made by Mid-September.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. Bill Eagan suggested that the name of the new pavilion should be spelled “veterans” without the apostrophe.
- b. John Wujcik reported that his scout project at the Boardwalk was completed on June 27, 2008. There are 28 signs with descriptions of the plants and trees along the rails. They are laminated and enclosed in plexiglass. He has a CD with all the signs on it in case they need to be replaced. The Board thanked him for a job well done.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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