

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
September 10, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, 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, 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. Walter Wujcik moved to accept the minutes from the August 13, 2008 meeting. Ginnie Newlin seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

a. Expenses – The Board reviewed the Expense Report and had questions about several items. Don suggested that Jane contact Deb.

b. 2009 Budget – Jane feels that if they do the reforestation project, the Board will need money in the budget for maintenance.

c. Reforestation – Jane had information on a workshop at Penn State on “hazard trees” on October 21 & 22. She suggested to Mark Miller that he ask one of this Public Works crew to be the “Land Manager” for this project. If he can't find someone, she feels the Board will need to hire a part-time Land Manager to oversee the 3 projects she feels are the responsibility of the Conservancy Board. Ginnie pointed out, and Bob Huebner agreed, that all open space in the Township is the responsibility of the Park Board. Scott offered to help train Township employees on managing plantings.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

a. East Boot Road – A part of the original plan for a hedgerow, which was submitted by the Morris Arboretum, contains a list of recommended plants. Red Bud, dogwood and viburnum were some.

b. Recycling – The new facility in King of Prussia is open and the township has started “single stream” collection. Sandra doesn't feel that the Board needs to do anything more on this right now.

c. Weeds – Ginnie and Bryan did a quick inspection of the work that was done. They rescheduled a meeting with the contractor for September 19 at 5:30 p.m.

d. Township Landscaping – Ginnie contacted Potters Nursery about this project. They will call Rick. She will also contact Main Line.

e. YMCA Trees Substitutions – Jane talked to RPM Nursery about their trees and what is available now. Jane feels we can get as much as 5 times the number of trees. It takes several years for larger trees to get established, so some recommend planting smaller trees in clusters. Also, wood chips should be used around them. RPM suggested tubes, but they have to let the sunlight through. In flood prone areas after storms, the trees/tubes have to be checked and readjusted if needed. RPM will not do the planting. Bryan would like to take a vote as to whether the Board should proceed with this new venture or continue with the original plan for 110 trees.

Discussion: Ginnie agrees that smaller trees would make a nicer forest area. Walter is concerned that there are only 6 more weeks of fall to do the planting. Bryan is concerned about deer with the smaller trees even if tubes are used. Bob pointed out that when they met with Jerry, he said that mowing is one way to keep down invasives. If you cluster the trees, mowing will be a problem. Sandra asked about the timeline for the project. Jane feels she can find out within a week if the “Y” will accept this new concept. Don suggested that, if it is okay with the “Y”, they should have the “Y” put the funds in escrow so the Board can take their time to work out the details. Ginnie moved to let Jane pursue this new concept. Yes votes were Ginnie, Sandra and Walter. No vote was Bryan (Scott had to leave before the meeting was over). The Board agreed to have a workshop on Wednesday, September 24 at 7 p.m. to talk about this project further.

f. Don reviewed the Email Policy with the Board.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. PEC – Ginnie moved to renew the Board’s membership for 2009 up to \$100. Walter seconded. The motion passed.
- b. Ginnie said there will be a seminar on September 13 from 10 to 12 am at the Inn at Chester Springs. It is free and the topic is “New Strategies for Land Use”.
- c. Shirley Fox letter – This is just for information. It is a civil matter and does not concern the Board.

6. **SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

- a. None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

- a. The cedar tree on the island – Jane suggested that the Board of Supervisors use one of their miscellaneous “Y” trees for an additional cedar tree.

8. **LAISION REPORTS**

- a. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that a resident came to the last meeting with concerns about the poison ivy in the park. The Pumpkin Festival will be October 18. They will also have the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial Pavilion. The Board will be sending a letter to all the businesses in the area asking for donations to pay for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. The Park Board voted to use a wood carpet for the path along Line Road, if the Township gets a grant. The Millcreek access road needs repair so they will use asphalt millings from other road projects to do this. There is still concern about the school buses parking in the park. The Board of Supervisors will have them move to another location. The next Park & Rec meeting will start at 6:30 pm.
- b. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that they are discussing the traffic light at Paoli Pike and Line Road with the developer. Bids for the sewer plant are in. The Municipal Authority still has some questions. The Board of Supervisors will decide on a contractor by the end of September. The Deer Hunt at this point is set to start on September 22. Two lawsuits have been filed.
- c. Historical Commission – The Living History Day will be Saturday, September 20 from 11am to 4 pm. They need volunteers, especially on the Boardwalk. Bryan and Sandra will help.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. None

10. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Walter 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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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