

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD WORKSHOP
September 24, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for a Workshop meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 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, Dolores Higgins, Historical Commission, Bob Adams, Esq., YMCA representative and Trevor Conlow, guest.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PAVILIONS AT THE YMCA

a. Five pavilions were approved by the Board of Supervisors but the locations of the pavilions were to be decided later. The one pavilion will be put inside the fenced-in pool area. The Y is requesting recommendations from the Conservancy Board on locations for the other four. The proposed locations are just outside the buffer area along the creek. The Y wants to use this area because it is level and is not exposed to the parking lot and traffic. The pavilions will be used for the Y's summer camp. Bob estimated that over 100 children will attend each week. The pavilions will be installed on concrete slabs which will be placed on concrete pier footers that will go deeper than the freeze line. This should help keep the slabs from breaking due to expansion and contraction of the soil. Also the pier footers are less invasive to the soil than trench footers. Jane, Bryan and Ginnie did a site walk. All three voiced concerns about the environmental impact these pavilions and the children will have on this sensitive area. However, the following recommendations were presented:

- * Place the pavilions as far back from the wetlands as possible regardless of the slope.
- * Paths are a must. In order to keep the children from going into the wetlands, the riparian area must be defined, possibly by some kind of low visibility (green) fence.
- * If they want the children to go to the stream, use only one area and possibly use a wooden deck to keep down the erosion.
- * Use gravel around the edges of the concrete slabs because grass will not grow there.
- * It is highly recommended that the Y have the water tested by the Health Department. Make sure the children clean their hands if they put them in the water.

Bob Adams suggested that the Board revisit the area after the pavilions are done. Jane will write a letter.

3. YMCA TREES

a. Jane reported that Rick Smith wanted a plan and pricing. She measured the area across from Clocktower and along East Boot Road which is about 4.5 acres. She also measured the area at Paoli Pike and Line Road which is about 2 acres. She contacted Shemin wholesalers for pricing. They quoted \$300 for a red maple and \$320 for a white oak, 3" caliber, no installation. The other Board members felt that, before anymore research is done, the Y should be contacted to see if they would consider a variation from the original plan. Jane will ask Rick to do this.

4. BUDGET

- a. 2008 Budget – Jane met with Deb to review the budget. There is \$2915 remaining for 2008. The Board discussed the following:
- * \$250 for WEEDS Inc to prepare the area along E. Boot Road at the Blacksmith Shop for planting. Currently the area is full of invasives including poison ivy.
 - * \$2500 for WEEDS Inc plant warm season grasses at locations along Reservoir Road.
- Ginnie moved to accept Brian O'Neil's, WEEDS Inc, fee to plant 3 types of warm season grasses minus 20%. Sandy seconded the motion. Don pointed out that these 2 items only leave \$165 until the end of 2008 and asked if there were any other items that might come up. Ginnie pointed out that the \$100 for the PEC membership was not on the expense report. Also, Bryan commented that there is an hourly fee for

the meeting they had with Brian O'Neil. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. 2009 Proposed Budget – The Board reviewed the 2008 budget and expenses and decided to request an additional \$1000 for the Professional Services Account.

5. **RECYCLING**

- a. The Township Newsletter has the details of the new single stream recycling. Jane got 2 “Recycling” labels for her trashcans to see if the trash hauler collects the contents as recyclables.

6. **TOWNSHIP BUILDING LANDSCAPING**

- a. Ginnie contacted Main Line Gardens. They also would have to discuss the project before they would commit. McGinty Nursery felt the Township should pay for the landscaping.

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

- a. Sandy helped at the boardwalk on Living History Day and is concerned about the signs. The caulking that holds the signs is not staying attached and so the signs are falling into the wetlands. Walter will have John look at them.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. Trevor Conlow saw the notice in the Township Newsletter about planting the trees and came to offer his assistance to the Board.

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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