

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, Walter Wujcik, Sandra Snyder and Ginnie Newlin. Members Bryan Delmonte and Scott Sanders were absent. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation Board), Dolores Higgins (Historical Commission), and Susan Carty (Planning Commission).

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Sandra moved to accept the minutes from the November 12, 2008 meeting as corrected. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Jane reported that the BOS wants the CB to submit a plan for the replacement plantings to be installed along E. Boot Road. The Board has budgeted \$3K for the project in 2009 but will not approve any expenditure without a plan. Sandra suggested asking Gerry Hertel assist with the plan, but Ginnie was opposed. Ginnie said she could create a plan, and she may ask Bryan to assist her. Ginnie believes an adequate job can be done for \$3K using a combination of 20 trees and shrubs at \$150 each.
- B. Brian O'Neill of Weeds, Inc. has been paid \$2,583 out of the 2008 budget. Jane wants to develop a schedule and timeline with him for a full year of services, and is having Brian submit a proposal.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Goals for 2009 – The Board reviewed and edited the draft 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report on Goals for 2008:

**Goal #1** for the YMCA trees will remain as-is.

**Goals #2 and #5**, both pertaining to riparian plantings, will be combined into one goal.

**Goal #3** about the Growing Greener Grant will be changed to say the CB is pursuing other grants at this time because the Growing Greener Grant was not awarded to East Goshen in the last round.

**Goal #4** about walking the Chester and Ridley Creeks to update the GIS mapping will be deleted.

**Goal #6** regarding invasive species control will remain as-is.

**Goal #7** regarding Township newsletter articles will remain as-is.

**Goal #8** regarding a stream restoration project "walk & talk" will be revised to show a tentative date of early May, because the weather will be nicer and spring growth will have started.

**Goal #9** will be expanded to reflect some additional ideas Sandra has for encouraging recycling. She would like to work with Park & Rec to get more receptacles placed near the heavily used areas, such as the restrooms and the Plank House/Blacksmith Shop area. Jane would like a separate receptacle installed in the park specifically for dog waste, so that it is not mixed in with the recyclables. Bob Huebner said he would bring this matter up at the next Park & Rec meeting.

**Goal #10** will be deleted - Don McConathy is working on the horse path project separately from the CB.

Some additional goals will be added:

- Create a plan for installing plantings along E. Boot Road to replace items that were mowed in error.
- Work with the Public Works Dept to train some of their workers about trees and plantings, and how to maintain them.
- Review and update the Township's tree protection ordinance.

Ginny moved to accept the goals as amended. Sandra seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Annual Planning Session

Jane announced that the annual planning session for all ABCs will be held on Saturday, January 10. The CB is first on the agenda at 8:05 a.m.

6. **SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

Malvern Institute - Application for a Special Exception for Barn Renovation - Sue Carty reported that during the course of the December 3 Planning Commission meeting, the Malvern Institute agreed to go back to the drawing board and start over in regard to their application. Sue said it may be some time before they come back before the Township with a new plan.

7. **LIAISON REPORTS**

Sue Carty gave a report from the December 3 Planning Commission meeting during the discussion about the Malvern Institute (above). Bob Huebner said he has been on vacation and did not attend the last Park & Rec meeting. Dolores Higgins reported that the Historical Commission is investigating options for the Hershey's Mill Dam.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Bruce Simons expressed concern about the dumping of dirt and woodchips on the property next to the YMCA. He is concerned it will damage the trees still there. Mike Merwin told Mr. Simons the Township asked the tenant of the property to clean up the site, but he did not do a complete job, so the next step is to pursue the property owner, Malvern Federal Savings. Mr. Simons then inquired if the Township has a community gardening program, because that is something he has experience in and he would like to become involved in such a program. Jane said the Township does not have such a program at this time. Ginnie recommended Mr. Simons speak with Dick Menn of Community Gardens of Chester County. Dolores told Mr. Simons the Historical Commission would welcome any help he would like to give with their garden at the Plank House.

9. **ANY OTHER MATTER**

A. Mike Merwin said the YMCA will not be putting any floors on their pavilions (except the one near the pool, which is on a concrete pad). Instead of floors they plan to use some kind of biodegradable material.

B. Ginny read from a letter she received from former Supervisor Mary Powell in regard to Mr. Angelini and the trees near Devonshire Village. In the letter Mary advises the CB to recommend more stringent regulations about tree removal in the Township; she thinks East Goshen is too lax in this regard. Mike Merwin informed the CB that Mr. Angelini's engineer has staked out the property.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings  
Recording Secretary