

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Vice-Chairman Bryan Delmonte, Walter Wujcik, Sandra Snyder, Ginnie Newlin and Mark Kawecki. Chairperson Jane Fava and member Scott Sanders were absent. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation Board), Dolores Higgins (Historical Commission), Supervisor Carmen Battavio, and resident Bill Egan.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS DEFERRED**

Due to the absence of the Chairperson, Bryan moved to defer the appointment of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairman until the next meeting in February. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF MARK KAWECKI**

Bryan welcomed new member Mark Kawecki and had him introduce himself. Mark said he is a semi-retired industrial engineer who is looking forward to working with the Conservancy Board. The other Board members and liaisons then introduced themselves to Mark.

4. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from December 10 and made corrections. Sandra moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed, with one abstention (Bryan).

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This was deferred due to the absence of the Chairperson.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Plantings along E. Boot Road – Per Ginnie, Steve Kosiak of the CRC will help her make a plan for the plantings.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

December 2008 Expense Report - There were no comments on this report.

8. **SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

Per Mike Merwin, no action is required from the Conservancy Board on the sPALCS or T-Mobile applications.

9. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

Bryan shared an article from the December 2008 *Bay Journal* about Buffers 100, a proposal from a coalition of over 130 non-profit organizations to expand riparian buffer setbacks to 100 ft. Ginny noted that for headwater areas such as East Goshen, the buffer should really be expanded to 150 ft. Ginny said she is in favor of supporting the Buffers 100 initiative. Bryan will have copies of the article made for the CB members.

Bryan also reminded everyone about Project Feeder Watch, which takes place December through March, if anyone is interested in participating. He wrote a newsletter article about this project a year ago.

10. **LIAISON REPORTS**

Historical Commission - Dolores reported that the two Living History days for 2009 have been scheduled for June 6 and September 19. The Historical Commission is still in the investigative stage of working on the Hershey's Mill dam issue. The *Images of America* book on East Goshen will be coming out in late April or early May. The Historical Commission will arrange some kind of event to celebrate the occasion.

Park & Rec – Bob reported that the Park & Rec Board has reworked their 2009 goals. They have increased their fees for the youth summer program. He said he forgot to bring up the issue of special receptacles for doggie waste at the Park & Rec meeting, but he did mention that the Conservancy Board would like more recycling receptacles placed in heavily used areas of the park. Bob said the Park & Rec Board is concerned about school buses idling while at the transfer point (District Court).

Board of Supervisors – Carmen reported that the Board discussed the Applebrook path, which is moving forward. Work on the sewer plant is 4-5 weeks behind schedule, primarily due to the cold weather which is preventing the concrete from being poured. Carmen said he is going to work to make sure the contractor stays on schedule and on budget. Dolores then gave an update on the conversation the Board had about possibly moving the East Goshen polling place for District 1 and 3 to another location, as Carmen was absent from that portion of the Board meeting.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Bill Egan asked if the Township currently respects the 100 ft. buffer as far as mowing grass. Walter said the Township ordinance is only for a 50 ft. buffer. Mr. Egan then asked if the Township would consider installing bird houses along the boundaries of the open space to delineate open space from private property, and thus discourage encroachment by residents. Ginnie said the problem with doing that is the bird boxes must be routinely cleaned out and maintained. Mr. Egan also had some questions about the Township ordinance in regard to stormwater drainage, and mentioned that he is starting a rain garden on his property.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Bryan acknowledged receipt of the following:

- o Notification letter regarding T-Mobile variance application
- o Letter regarding Sandra Snyder's reappointment to the CB.
- o Letter regarding Mark Kawecki's appointment to the CB.

13. **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Sandra reminded the Board that Scott previously mentioned having an article ready to go. Bryan will contact him to check. If not, both Ginnie and Sandra volunteered to put something together. Ginnie also asked Bill Egan to write a paragraph about rain gardens for a future newsletter, and Bill agreed.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Walter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ginnie seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Meddings
Recording Secretary