

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, Bryan Delmonte, Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin and Mark Kawecki. Members Sandy Snyder and Scott Sanders were absent. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation Board), and resident Bill Egan.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jane called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Walter moved to nominate Jane Fava as Chairman. Ginnie seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Walter moved to nominate Bryan Delmonte as Vice Chairman. Ginnie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Ruth Kiefer was reappointed as secretary.

Current Liaisons will remain. Mark will attend the Historical Commission meetings for Sandy.

3. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Walter moved to accept the minutes of January 14, 2009. Bryan seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed with one abstention (Jane)

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Jane distributed copies of new ordinances that the Board of Supervisors recently approved.

B. Jane reported that the recycling change to single stream has increased the volume of recyclables but the prices are down.

C. Jane has Green Building Ordinance Program information if anyone wants to see it.

D. The EAC Conference will be held on March 14, 2009. Details will follow.

E. Jane announced that the Secretary of the DEP thinks the policy on 100 yard buffers is good, but, if a developer does a 100 yard buffer on both sides of a stream, he feels they should not be subject to storm water plan review. After discussion, Ginnie moved to send a letter to the DEP stating the Board's opposition to the State's proposal but support of the 100 yard buffer. Also she suggested that the Board of Supervisors support the Conservancy Board's view on this. Bryan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed. Jane will take the letter to the Board of Supervisors. Also, Jane said there is a meeting scheduled for Feb. 25, 2009 in Harrisburg to discuss this. She will be attending that meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Weeds Inc. should be coming out soon to the Reservoir Road project to look at the higher ground where the Board wants to plant warm weather grasses.

B. It's been discovered that some residents are encroaching on township open space. It was decided that an article in the Township Newsletter would be the first option to remind residents there are boundaries.

C. Newsletter – Bryan said Scott couldn't find the gypsy moth article but did have one on fall moths, which would be better for the fall newsletter. Ginnie will write an article about open space encroachment for this Newsletter.

D. E. Boot Road – The Board of Supervisors is waiting for a plan. Bryan had information about "True Roots" and a landscaper who use natural plantings. Ginnie and Bryan will meet to work on a plan for the plantings.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Metro PCS of PA wants a recommendation from the Board for evergreens to plant to screen equipment. The Board recommended 1 cedar, 1 fir (douglas or frazer) and 3 spruce trees.

7. **SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

The PA Leadership Charter School is looking to lease the IBM building, which has been empty for 7 years, so it needs lots of repair inside. The entrance in the rear is at the 2nd floor and is handicapped accessible. The children will be on the 2nd floor and offices will be on the 3rd floor.

8. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

A. Ginnie and Jane went to a lecture about wildlife and the harm caused by large lawn areas. Ginnie is concerned about the fact that the public works department continues to mow too often. She feels it would be less expensive to spray for invasives than to mow. Bryan recommended getting a DVD of Dr. Douglas Tallamy's "Creating a Sanctuary for Wildlife in your Garden." He said he views his yard in a different way after hearing this lecture.

B. CRC wants to know if the Board is planning anything for Earth Day, which is April 22, 2009. Ginnie suggested maybe there is an area that needs to be cleaned up. She feels the Board should look at the area along the creek at the Blacksmith Shop. Jane said there is an area along the path in Applebrook where invasives could be removed.

C. Bryan, Ginnie and Jane attended a conference of Dr. Talamy's on 2/5/09 and the PA Green Economy Forum. Joe Sestack was not scheduled to be at the PA Green Economy Forum but did come and speak, and Kathleen McGinty also spoke there. Bryan was disappointed that it became so political and didn't stay for the panel. Jane and Ginnie attended the panel and the reception and said it was very good.

D. The 12th Annual Backyard Bird Count is this weekend, 2/13 to 2/16/09.

9. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Sewer Authority - Walter reported that the Sewer Authority project is 2-3 months behind. Also, the township is applying for a grant, which could help with some of the costs of this project and maybe lower the fee.

B. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the Board increased the Pavilion fees for 2009. They expect to hear about the proposed bridge in Applebrook sometime this Spring. Mark will be marking the pathway, so the Conservancy Board will be able to see where to plant their trees in that area.

C. Historical Commission – Jane reported that their first Living History Day will be June 6, 2009.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Jane acknowledged receipt of the following:

- o Article – Mid-Atlantic, East-Central, Northeast sites reporting
- o Bay Journal – upgrade wastewater plants

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Walter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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