

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, Bryan Delmonte, Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin, Mark Kawecki and Scott Sanders. Member Sandy Snyder was absent. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation Board), Carmen Battavio (Board of Supervisors), Dolores Higgins and Joe Zug (Historical Commission) 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. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Walter moved to accept the minutes of February 11, 2009 as corrected. Ginnie seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed with one abstention (Scott)

3. A. YMCA Trees - Jane reported that the Y is getting bids. She reminded Rick Smith that they need to be planted soon. Also, the Board needs advance notice of the number of trees and delivery date so they can mark the locations and be there to oversee the planting.  
B. Jane made reservations for her, Walter and Ginnie to attend the EAC conference.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. E. Boot Road Planting – Ginnie provided copies of the plan that Steve Kosiak, CRC member, made for trees to plant. The proposal is for 16 trees (5 native dogwoods, 5 red buds, 4 hawthorns and 2 red maples). They should not be less than 8 feet tall because of the deer. Jane said the budget is \$3,000. Ginnie will get pricing. Board discussed other plants that can be used to fill in later. Ginnie said the trees will not block the view of the road

B. Comcast – Comcast provided pictures showing their generator in 4 different color schemes and landscaping. The Board suggested the brown paint and for landscaping, use Pinus strobus fastigiata (Eastern White Pine) and serbian spruce trees. Also Scott suggested they alternate the types of trees.

C. CTDI – The addition to their building at 1305 Goshen Parkway is done. On Sat. March 28<sup>th</sup> the Board, Comcast representatives and interested residents will meet at 9:00 am in the township open space at Mill Creek Drive and Amalfi Drive to see it from the Mill Creek perspective. Then they will go to 1305 Goshen Parkway. Jane and Scott did a site walk before the construction and don't think it is necessary to plant along the property line in the back of the building since there is existing screening there. CTDI did change the trees from 8' to 10' in height. These large trees should be placed in the corners of the property.

D. Leadership Charter School needs suggestions for landscaping to screen between the residences and the old IBM building they are planning to use. The Board will include this in their March 28<sup>th</sup> site walk.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Recycling – The numbers the township originally received regarding the increase in recycling are incorrect. When the 2 types of recyclables are added together, the total recycling is still the same. The Board of Supervisors wants the Conservancy Board to do something to educate and encourage residents to recycle more. Mike said East Whiteland charges by the bag of trash. Residents buy the trash bags from the township at \$2 per bag. Mark will take this project and start to research. Jane suggested that he contact Nancy Fromnick, the Chester County co-ordinator, to get the information he needs about other townships.

7. **SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

8. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

- A. The Liaison list is wrong. Jane gave Rick the correct list for the Conservancy Board.
- B. Ginnie had items from the several conferences she attended. Among them were seeds to start a butterfly garden, brochures about control of Knotweed, Buffers 100, dam inspections and repairs, and mosquito fish. These fish are not native to this area. They are in our ponds and have moved into the reservoir. However, they can't survive our cold winters. Beavers have constructed a dam in the creek above the reservoir.
- C. Drew Reif will be at the Old Mill at Rose Valley on Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2:00 to 4:00 pm to speak about emerging contaminants in our water. It is sponsored by CRC. Jane pointed out that coaltar is used to seal driveways and washes off into the water. People need to be aware of what is in the sealer they are using.
- D. April 18 is Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day. The CRC is working with Jack Yahraes to clean up the streams.
- E. April 21 the CRC will have volunteers here to work. The Board needs to select a project. Let Jane know if you will be available to help that day.

9. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Historical Commission – Delores reported the Images of America book should be available the end of April. They are having ongoing discussion about the Hershey's Mill Dam. June 6<sup>th</sup> is Living History Day. If anyone knows anything about the small structure in Marydell, please let them know.
- B. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that Mark Miller is going to erect a fence around this structure in Marydell to keep people out. A Scout will construct a gazebo in Applebrook Park. The Mill Creek ballfield entrance can't be used right now because that strip of land belongs to Synthes. We are waiting for their ok to put down millings so cars can use it.
- C. Board of Supervisors – Carmen reported that they met with the Municipal Authority to discuss the possibility of getting a construction manager for the sewer plant project to relieve Mark Miller. They are in ongoing contract negotiations with the police.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Zug is concerned about an invasive called the Tree of Heaven. It looks like a palm tree and can have a flower in the center. In order to kill it, you need to cut it and pour poison into it. Otherwise it will put out runners.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary

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