

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
April 8, 2009  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 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 but sent a picture of her new baby daughter. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation Board), Mark Miller, Public Works Director, Dolores Higgins (Historical Commission) and resident Trevor Conlow.

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**

Ginnie moved to accept the minutes of March 11, 2009 as corrected. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **EXPENSES**

Jane feels the Board should know before bills are paid, i.e. membership dues should not be paid automatically. The Board should give approval.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. "Y" Trees – A list of trees was distributed. It gave the amounts for 2" caliper (220 trees) and 1" caliper (330). The Board prefers to continue along the existing line and the path will go around the trees. Mark said he will need a 15' width to install the path. He said the proposed placement of the path has been marked for the Park & Recreation Board. Scott feels they should get the smaller caliper for survival. The only problem with the smaller trees is that the foliage may be low enough for the deer to access. Jane mentioned that the trees will be tubed. The area is about 2 acres. Bryan moved to get the 220 2" caliper trees. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed. Trevor voiced concern about mowing around the trees. Shouldn't you allow understory to grow? Jane wants to mow until the trees are established and then plant desirable understory. Scott suggested the Township use wood chips. Ginnie read that chips may leach nitrogen but they do add to the microbotics. Mark will water the trees from the stream. Jane needs to know when they will be delivered. Mark will mow where the path will be. Jane has lots of flags they can use to mark the locations for the trees. Mike will tell Rick Smith about the Board's decision. Rick should know very soon when the delivery will be made. The Board will meet at the site on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 10:30 am to put in the stakes.

B. EAC Conference – Ginnie thought this was a good conference. She saw procedures other EAC's use. Walter attended a "Grasslands to Meadows" seminar.

C. Boot Road Planting – Ginnie reported that Potter's and McGinty's are interested and will give bids. The bids are for 8' trees, installation, protection against deer and 18 month guarantee. If anyone has another landscaper who may be interested, please give them the information.

D. WEEDS, Inc. – Brian said that when it gets warmer, he will kill weeds etc. and plant the warm season grasses at Reservoir Road. Ginnie mentioned there is multiflora there now. Brian will give a price to work on the invasives in June.

E. Recycling – Mark Kawecki talked to Nancy Frommick at the county office. There are challenges to doing a comparison of townships, because of the way each one has their service set up. The shift from glass to plastic containers will impact the weight. To keep recycling going, there are 3 things to always do: keep it in the newsletter, do active ongoing audits and pressure for legislation to make it a requirement. Mark Miller suggested that Mark call Sue Smith in the Township office. She is always in contact with the county office. Mark Kawecki said the estimate for 2009 of 850 tons is less than 2008. Nancy would be willing to come to a meeting. Mark will continue his research.

Jane has an article on Recycle Bank, which is in the area. You get coupons for what you recycle.

F. Charter School – Ginnie said they were happy to get the Board’s suggestions and want to work on a naturalized basin.

G. Newsletter articles are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Scott will email the Gypsy Moth article to Jane. Bryan will also do an article on Audubon bird habitat.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. None

7. **SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

A. None

8. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

A. Ginnie and Ann Murphy from CRC walked the Chester Creek preserve. Many trees were lost because a fallen tree backed up the creek and caused some flooding. Ann has someone who will donate 8 trees. Also, ING has 20 people who are coming on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 to prune and clear around the bottom of the trees. Mark Miller said they cleared everything out of the stream on Monday.

9. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Historical Commission – Dolores 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. There is major concern about state cutbacks to many state historic sites. Some are being closed or considered for closure.

B. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that Mark Miller took a tree down in Applebrook that was hollow. They are researching Friends of the Park. They packed 500 bags for the Egg Hunt and gave out 460.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dolores wondered if anyone has opened someone’s trash as a demo to show what could have been recycled.

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 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary

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