

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, Bryan Delmonte, Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin, Mark Kawecki, Scott Sanders and Sandy Snyder. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation Board), Carmen Battavio (Board of Supervisors), Joe Zug (Historical Commission), and resident Bill Eagan.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bryan moved to accept the minutes of May 13, 2009 as corrected. Ginnie seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously. Scott abstained.

3. **EXPENSES**

No report

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. "Y" Trees – Jane has been working with the landscaper who is planting the trees to be sure the correct types of trees are being used. Some of the trees on the original list were not available or they couldn't get them in the 2 inch size, so they had to be replaced with a different type of tree. She will check the most recent delivery, which should be shag bark trees. Mark Miller has been dropping off mulch, which the landscaper is spreading. Also the landscaper will continue to water the trees. There are a few details remaining that Jane has to ask about, but she has received very positive comments about the area. Jane would like to put a sign there describing the woodland project. Ann Pickering is writing an article for the newspaper about the woodland project.

B. CTDI – Jane spoke to Rick Smith about the Board's concerns. Rick explained that CTDI had to plant that amount of shrubs but they could be anywhere on the property. He will pass on the recommendations

C. Comcast asked if 10 – 12 foot trees would be okay. The Board approved.

D. Scout Project – Jane received a call from the troop leader who said this was not an acceptable project for an Eagle Scout. Bob Huebner commented that the Park Board discussed the idea of having the troop continue to maintain a permanent project that an Eagle Scout completed. Example – the bird houses in the wetlands need to be repaired. The signs that John Wujick put on the boardwalk have been removed by vandals but the Conservancy Board has the disc with all of the information on it.

E. Reservoir Road Project – Jane reported that Weeds, Inc. has cleaned the area out where the warm weather grasses will be planted. It is ready for planting the plugs for the grasses.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. TD Bank - Deb Beury sent Jane an email stating the TD Bank would like to sponsor a specific environmental project for the township. Walter suggested the East Boot Road planting. Ginnie said McGinty's doesn't want to bid on this project because of the 18 month guarantee. Terra Nova is not responding the Jane's emails. Also, more could be done at the Reservoir Road project.

6. **SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT/LANDSCAPE PLAN REVIEW**

A. None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

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- A. Ginnie saw some Canada Thistle at the Blacksmith shop. This needs to be taken care of ASAP. Also, she learned at a recent seminar, that the Forestry Service can come out and tell us what invasives we have.
- B. The elm tree that was planted in memory of Nancy Hayward was blown down in the last storm. Mark Miller will replace it.
- C. Sandy thinks the Board should schedule a follow-up visit with the "Y" after the pavilions are installed and the summer camps are done. Everyone agreed.
- D. Sandy offered to read the township ordinances that apply to areas where the Conservancy Board has responsibility so that someone is familiar with the codes. The Board agreed. Mike will get a copy for her.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Board of Supervisors – Carmen reported that they held their meeting last night at the Goshen Fire Company because they were going to discuss deer management. Next Tuesday they will have another meeting at the Goshen Fire Company for the Deer Management Committee to present plans for the next year. At the meeting on June 23, 2009, they will hold a budget hearing to look at items to cut from the budget next year.
- B. Historic Commission – Joe read the email that Kathryn Yahraes sent to everyone who participated in the Living History Day last Saturday. There were about 250 visitors. The Fall event will be Sept. 19, 2009.
- C. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the Board will not have a July meeting. The budget will be discussed at the August meeting. Mr. Jones, a resident, will arrange for a speaker from the Willistown Conservancy to come to the September meeting to talk about bird preserves. The plantings around the tennis courts was probably one of the Conservancy Board's first projects. Bob suggested that they look at it and let Mark Miller know what needs to come out. Ginnie thinks the Conservancy Board should walk both parks for possible projects.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Bill Eagan asked for the location of the warm weather grasses. It is on the hill by the parking lot.
- B. Mike stated that he saw a Bald Eagle on the golf course at Hershey's Mill. It was about 2 feet tall. There is a nest in Willistown.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

11. **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 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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