

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, Mark Kawecki, Bryan Delmonte, Walter Wujcik, and Ginnie Newlin. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, and Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation).

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**

Mark moved to accept the minutes of July 8, 2009 as corrected. Jane seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. **EXPENSES**

No report

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. "Y" Trees – Jane reported that Mark M. is watering the trees since the contractor is not. Unfortunately the trees weren't watered at all for the first few weeks. There is burlap wrapped around the bottom of the trees that needs to be removed. So far one tree has been replaced. Jane feels the project got done as well as it did because she was there every day. Bryan said he was there at the time of the plantings and had them pull out trees that weren't in the correct spot. The contractor said they couldn't identify which trees needed to go where, in spite of the flags the Conservancy Board installed. Jerry Hertel from WCU has some graduate students monitoring the project. All of the trees have been numbered and measured. The heights still need to be done. There will be a GIS map of the trees. Jerry suggested having a ribbon cutting next Spring. Bryan suggested naming this area.

B. Pavilions at the "Y" – Jane will contact Rick Smith to set up an appointment to see the pavilions. She feels there has been enough rain to check erosion.

C. The summer grasses are looking pretty good. After the last rain, some are coming up. Ginnie, Bryan and Mark will inspect.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Invasives – An email was received from a concerned citizen about the purple loostrife in the wetland along Paoli Pike across from the TD Bank. Marty asked Jane about it and she named other invasives that are also in the township. She explained how a plan is developed and must be maintained. She suggested starting in Applebrook. There is an ordinance regarding invasives. The Board discussed with Bob H. the process of starting a plan using Applebrook. The Board of Supervisors wants a plan and cost by October. Jane will contact Jessie Benjamin.

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

None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

A. Bryan reported that an article in the June "Bay Journal" said that 192 municipalities in Pennsylvania have buffer policies and 30% have 100 foot buffer requirements. Bryan made a motion to send a request to the Board of Supervisors to expand the riparian buffer requirement from 50 feet to 100 feet. Ginnie seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ginnie will write a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission. Ginnie will contact the Brandywine Conservancy to see if they have a list of the municipalities that have the 100 foot requirement.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Park & Recreation - Bob reported that several domed trash bins were purchased for the parks. There has been a lot of vandalism in both restrooms and the Board is looking into installing automatic locks on the doors. The Board will also consult with the police about the possible use of cameras. The pay phone costs \$80/month because it does not generate any income. They are checking with the Township solicitor to see if it can be removed. Bryan added that the Willistown Conservancy speaker will be delayed until October. Also, Hershey's Mill has added mosquito fish to a pond
- B. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that there is an issue with how good the concrete on the SBR tank is. They are trying different coatings. This is causing a delay. They received a grant of \$475,000 from the State.
- C. Historic Commission – No report.
- D. Planning Commission – No report.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Mark asked about TD Bank and their offer to help with a project. Ginnie feels the Conservancy Board should have a list of projects ready for when they get a request. Mark will follow up.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

11. **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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