

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Vice Chairman Bryan Delmonte, Mark Kawecki, Sandy Snyder, Walter Wujcik, and Ginnie Newlin. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation), Dolores Higgins (Historical Commission) and Tony DuFour.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Walter moved to accept the minutes of August 12, 2009 as corrected. Mark seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. **EXPENSES**

No report

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Buffer - Ginnie wrote letters to the Planning Commission and Board of supervisors proposing that the riparian buffer be increased to 100 feet.

B. "Y" Trees – Mike commented that some of the trees are looking bad. He said that more trees just arrived at the Township Building but he wasn't sure where they are supposed to go. Bryan pointed out that in the July minutes they still owed 22 trees to the Conservancy Board.

C. East Boot Road & Township Building Landscape projects – Ginnie reported that Tony DuFour of Wm. D. Wells Landscaping met with her and is interested in the E. Boot Road project. He also looked at the Township Building project. There are 2 reasons why landscapers don't like to do these projects – 1. Local governments tend not to take care of the materials after they are planted and 2 - the 18-month guarantee is 6 months too long. For the Township Building project, Tony will provide a proposal for a plan, pictures of plants & installation. He will work with any group (township staff, scouts, etc.)

For the East Boot Road project Tony will provide a presentation of a plan, a plant list and pictures of the plants. The project will probably be done in phases. Mark requested a cost breakdown. The plans will take 12 hours at \$100/hour. In exchange for display of his signs and mention in the Township Newsletter, he will do the plans for \$300. Sandy moved to accept the written outline Tony gave at tonight's meeting and approve \$300 plus the requested advertising for preliminary landscape plans for the two projects. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mike will give the outline to Rick Smith to sign. Bryan will be Tony's contact.

D. Pavilions at the "Y" – Mike was there today. They have 4 picnic tables for the children. There is mulch under the pavilions and on the paths. Two pavilions are completed. Bryan will arrange for a site visit next week. The Board will also look at the warm weather grasses.

E. Newsletter – Bryan submitted an article "Transforming Your Backyard Into a Bird Habitat". Ginnie thought Scott did one on fall worms. Bryan will see if it can be substituted or if both can be used.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Projects - Ginnie attended the Eagle Scout honor ceremony for John Wujcik. Walter reported that there are only 2 signs remaining on the boardwalk. John marked where they are supposed to go so they can be replaced next Spring.

Mark is trying to contact the manager at TD Bank about possible projects. They have an approval process to go through so he will keep in touch with him.

The Board discussed possible future projects. They must be simple, requiring low or minimal supervision. Suggestions: Sandy – ID cards/signs for unusual trees in the Township.

Bob – Seasonal plantings in front of the Township Building.

Ginnie – Seasonal plantings around the Township signs.

Walter feels the Board should maintain a project list. Sandy volunteered to start the list.

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

None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

A. Ginnie feels the wetland at the Blacksmith Shop needs to be cut this fall after the ground is frozen. It hasn't been cut for a few years. It needs to be cut to prevent the area from becoming a wet woodland.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation - Bob reported that the Board adopted a policy for Scout projects. They will have an annual budget of \$2,000 with a maximum of \$200 per project. Timed locks will be installed on the doors at the new restrooms. The pay phone at the park will be removed 1/1/2010. Bob needs the phone number to contact Jessie Benjamin, whom Jane recommended, to discuss a plan to manage invasives. Ginnie recommended Brian O'Neal of Weeds, Inc. He will walk the area and give a proposal. The Pumpkin Festival is Oct. 17th.

B. Municipal Authority – No report.

C. Historic Commission – Living History Day is Saturday, September 19, 2009. They need a volunteer for the boardwalk.

D. Planning Commission – No report.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Walter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer

Recording Secretary

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