

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Jane Fava, Bryan Delmonte, Sandy Snyder, Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin and Scott Sanders. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Carmen Battavio (Supervisor), Bob Huebner (Park & Recreation), and Dolores Higgins (Historical Commission).

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**

Scott moved to accept the minutes of October 14, 2009 as corrected. Walter 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 a student from West Chester University measured the height of all the trees. Next they will do a GIS mapping.

B. Riparian Zone Ordinance – Jane reported that the DEP has put out a draft of forested riparian zone recommendations with models to ordinances that anyone can use. Regarding the 100 ft. buffer, Ginnie received an email from the Clean Water Council requesting letters be written to the DEP. Carmen said the Conservancy Board can request that the Board of Supervisors write a letter to the DEP. Ginnie said letters must be received by November 30, 2009

C. East Boot Road & Township Building Landscape projects –Tony DuFour of W. D. Wells Landscaping, was present. The task at the East Boot Road location is to restore the area with native plants. He provided pictures of the trees he is recommending which are; eastern red cedar, pin oaks, American red maple and American horn beam. Ginnie asked for an alternate to the pin oak, which Tony said would be black gum or swamp oak. All of the recommended trees are black walnut tolerant. Carmen often walks this side of the road. His concern is that the trees are high enough and don't create a hedgerow again. Tony also recommends removing the 5 existing trees that are on the shoulder of the road. Bryan will coordinate a site walk to look at these trees. Ginnie is concerned about township maintenance. Tony verified that these are low maintenance. Sandy is concerned about salt use on the road in the winter. Tony said the trees are far enough back from the road that this will not impact them. Sandy asked about grants. Carmen said there is no new grant money available now. The BOS put a line item in the budget for this. He asked the Board if this was a high priority project. Bryan and Sandy pointed out that this has been a goal of the Board for a while.

Township Building Landscape project – Tony suggests replacing the mums near the front door with black eyed susans. The existing flowering dogwood can stay but will decline over the next 5 – 10 years. To the left of the building, he recommends taking all the existing plants out and making the bed line smaller. There will be a winter berry holly around the corner with plum yews, which are deer resistant, and other perennials. He feels the township crew will be able to maintain the beds. On the right of the building, he recommends changing the bed line and using the existing day lilies. He recommends lily turf but Ginnie feels it is fine when it is young, but she doesn't like it when it gets older and thick. Tony said the beds will require watering the first 2 years. He will give a 12 month warranty. Jane said this plan needs to go to the Board of Supervisors. Bryan will forward the cost by email when he receives it from Tony.

D. Newsletter – Jane will get an article to the township staff tomorrow.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Green Region – A site meeting will be held on December 9 with the Natural Lands Trust in Applebrook. The NLT feels they will be able to prepare a report quickly. The deadline for submitting funding requests is January 15, 2010.

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

A. None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

A. Ginnie has a nice button bush she wants to plant someplace. It will become a nice, large bush so it needs space to grow. Jane and Walter suggested planting it at the end of the Boardwalk toward the road.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation - Bob reported that the Park & Recreation Board passed the letter from the National Lands Trust on to the Board of Supervisors recommending that they sign it..

B. Municipal Authority – No report.

C. Historic Commission – Dolores reported that an independent company wants to install a 150 foot high pole behind the Wawa on Paoli Pike, most likely for cell phone use. This is within a historic area.

D. Planning Commission – No report.

E. Board of Supervisors – Carmen reported that he will fill in as Chairman while Marty is recovering from surgery. The BOS did sign the National Lands Trust letter. The proposed General Fund for 2010 will be posted on the Website. It appears that Sunoco is drilling and testing wells near their station on Paoli Pike. Chester County gave permits for 2 wells behind the station. The Township solicitor is involved now and is trying to set up a meeting between the BOS and Sunoco.

The BOS authorized a letter to go to Andy Diniman and Barbara McIlvaine requesting tougher legislation against animal abusers. They are still looking at alternatives for the Hershey's Mill Dam.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Carmen asked about the Sherman Tract/Reserve at Spring Meadow walk through report. Jane explained this is an annual inspection that is done on the property. The report goes to Gambone Brothers who takes care of whatever work needs to be done on the landscaping.

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 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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