

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Delmonte, Jane Fava, Ginnie Newlin, Mark Kawecki, Walter Wujcik, and Scott Sanders. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin; Senya Isayeff, Township Supervisor; Bob Huebner, Park & Recreation; and Chris Reardon, Historical Commission.

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**

Ginnie moved to accept the minutes of January 13, 2009 as corrected. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. Bryan sent out an email about the pin oak blight. It started about 4 years ago. Scott confirmed that it is in the Tri-state area.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. East Boot Road – Bryan noticed that the cedars are slanted. This will have to be fixed in the Spring.

B. “Y” Trees – Bryan commented that he was glad they used protectors on these trees. He noticed that there are signs of rubbing on trees in other parts of the township where protectors were not used on new trees.

C. Riparian Zone Ordinance – Senya reported that Mark Gordon attended a conference on Land Development which included information on riparian buffers.

D. Budget – Bryan reported that the updated annual budget is \$4,900.00.

E. Grants – Jane reported that the Tree Vitalize grant request is moving forward. The Natural Land Trust will have an answer to the grant request in April.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. The Board reviewed the Code of the Township of East Goshen, Pennsylvania with the following comments:
§205-61

Page 1 – Existing Trees

A. Delete “harmonize their plans in order to”

B. Delete “effectuation of”

(1) Add “s’ to Aesthetic and delete “values”

(6) Delete “comfort to surroundings” and replace with “Climate”

C. Delete “exercise care to”

(2) Delete from “and are within 25 feet.....to Township Engineer”. Add to the end of the sentence “or to within 25 feet of the tree trunk.”

(6) Change to “.....shall be laterally pruned immediately.”

(8) Add to end of sentence “..or 25 feet from the tree trunk.”

Page 3 – F – List of species that are recommended for planting:

(1) Deciduous canopy trees.

(c) Delete *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (green ash)

(2) Understory trees

(u) Replace canadian hemlock with *Pinus Stobus fastigiata*

§ 205-62 Street Trees

B. Street tree varieties

(4) Delete *Fraxinus americanan* (white ash)

- (5) Delete Fraxinus Pennsylvanica (green ash)
- (8) Delete Quercus rubra (red oak)
- (10) Replace with a hybrid elm
- (11) Delete Zelkova serrata (Japanese zelkova)

Recommended additions: Columnar hornbeam and Highspire Maple

Further discussion of this ordinance will be continued at the March meeting. Bryan will get a copy of § 218 for comparison and request the shrub list.

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

A. Mullen, 1645 E. Strasburg Road – The Board reviewed the proposed plans. There is no removal of trees, the natural meadow will remain, and rain gardens will be used for stormwater management. The board approved the landscape plan.

B. National Bank of Malvern – The Board reviewed the proposed list of plants with the following recommendations:

- 1. They no longer recommend the use of ash trees or zelkova.
- 2. Reduce the number of cotoneaster apiculata.
- 3. Vinca is an invasive and a substitute should be used.
- 4. Select the Fastigiata Pinus Strobus to replace the Pinus Strobus (white pine).

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

A. Jane received a landscape plan. Senya explained that it is for the entrance to the Township building. The BOS approved \$3,000.00 for this project. However, there is no plan for planting and maintenance. Ginnie commented that the Township staff needs to decide if an employee could be educated to maintain it properly.

B. Ginnie attended a CRC conference at Penn State on retention basin planning. On Sunday March 21st in Glen Mills, CRC will hold a program on protection of salamanders which she feels someone should attend.

C. Ginnie recommends the Board keep the Garden of Eden as a contact. They do natural landscaping.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Historical Commission – Chris reported that their meeting was moved to February 24th due to the snow. Living History Day will be Saturday June 5, 2010. The Town Tours and Village Walk will be held on Thursday July 22. They need volunteers for both events. Regarding the Hershey’s Mill dam, a letter will be prepared for the DEP to request reclassification.

B. Board of Supervisors – Senya reported that the Hershey’s Mill dam will be drilled to determine where the rockbed is. They are approaching Sen. Dinniman’s office for possible funding for the dam. Liberty Towers’s request to put a 150 ft. high tower behind the WAWA on Paoli Pike was denied by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. It will go to the Zoning Hearing Board next, but Liberty has requested a new date and the BOS has requested to have representation at the hearing. Since individuals cannot donate funds to the Township, the BOS is considering setting up a Friends of East Goshen which would be a separate entity and can raise funds for events. Bob mentioned that the Park & Recreation Board has discussed this many times over the years. Also the BOS is discussing setting up a Budget Committee which would be made up of residents and act as an advisory board.

C. Park & Recreation – Bob Huebner reported that in the winter Township Newsletter an article discussed rollerblading and skateboarding in Applebrook. The Board decided that bike riding and rollerblading will be allowed in Applebrook only. Skateboarding is not allowed in any Township parks. Frank held his annual permit meeting. There will be fireworks on Sat. June 26th.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Bryan acknowledged receipt of letters reappointing Walter, Ginnie and Scott to the Conservancy Board. Bryan thanked them for their years of work on the Board.

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 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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