

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Delmonte, Jane Fava, Ginnie Newlin, Walter Wujcik, and Scott Sanders. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin; Bob Huebner, Park & Recreation; Don McConathy, Supervisor; Joe Zug, Historical Commission; and Sue Carty, Planning 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

Walter moved to accept the minutes of March 10, 2010 as corrected. Ginnie seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

A. As a follow up to last month's comments about the clean up on April 15th, Ann Murphy inspected the trees at Reservoir Road and determined that they don't have to be done on the 15th. Next Wed. April 21st the trees will arrive and area marked for planting. On Thurs. April 22nd the trees will be planted.
B. The Board of Supervisors is forming a 501C3, a non-profit organization, to solicit and collect donations for the township. The Conservancy Board needs to provide a member. Jane volunteered to be a part of this group.
C. Goals for 2010 – Don confirmed that the Board does not have to give quarterly updates on their goals. Bryan did a comparison of the Conservancy Board Goals for 2010 vs the areas assigned to the Board in the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Four areas were discussed.

1. Pervious pavement – Jane explained that this is the BMP preferred pavement. However, pervious is not appropriate in all cases. There was discussion about a possible grant for the extended pathway in Applebrook. Don explained that it is usually less expensive to just do the paving because of the extra requirements in a grant. Mike commented that 2 developments have used pervious pavement in parking areas and it is working well so far.

2. Serpentine – Ginnie feels this is an important project.

3. Scenic roads – Some roads (Reservoir Rd) may qualify. The Board will look at this in the future.

4. Review the Township Open Space and Recreation Plan of 1993. Try to get a grant for this.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. East Boot Road – Bryan contacted Wells who said he will fix the plants that have fallen over. Ginnie wants to do another walk through and only let him install a sign when everything is done right.

B. "Y" Trees – Jane will walk through to inspect the trees. She feels that part of this area should be enclosed, as suggested in the NLT report. This will show what a woodland would look like. Bob reminded them that Mark Miller is supposed to mow around the trees so they won't be choked by the grass.

C. Riparian Zone Ordinance – Everyone was provided with a copy of the letter Ginnie wrote to the Board of Supervisors giving reasons for the increase to 100'. Ginnie reported that it was brought up at the Planning Commission meeting last week and the Conservancy Board was encouraged to continue pursuing this.

D. Budget – \$60 was paid to the PA Environmental Council for conference attendance/annual membership fee.

E. Grants – Jane reported that Holly at the Natural Land Trust said it won't be done until mid-May. Jane said it will not be too late to spray then. The area in Applebrook was already cleaned out by the Township but with no plan for the future. She feels grass seed should be planted to keep invasives from growing back. Bob said Weeds Inc wants to see what is there before they spray. Jane feels the Conservancy Board and Park & Recreation Board should meet and develop a 5 year plan.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. When the Board reviewed the Tree Ordinance last month there was a question about permits. Bryan contacted Mark Gordon about the Conservancy Board review of permits. The wording has been changed to clarify that all permits are acquired through the Zoning Officer. After review of the new wording, Walter made a motion to approve the changes and forward the revised document to Mark Gordon and the Planning Commission. Ginnie seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

B. The Board reviewed the National Lands Trust report and their recommendations as follows:

1. Page 9 – European Alders – Bryan said there is a good stand of these about 100' long. However, Jane said there are some good trees mixed in with them. Bob suggested that ribbons be used to mark the salvageable trees/shrubs. It was decided that the area along Paoli Pike where the purple lustrife is located should be sprayed first.

2. Page 11 – Water Quality – The 100' buffer should be marked in Applebrook. Ann Murphy told Bryan there is \$300 for spraying invasives in the Tree Vitalize Grant. The Board decided she should use it in the Reservoir Road project.

3. Page 12 – Native Habitat Restoration – A mowing regimen needs to be planned. Bryan suggested doing a meadow project in phases. The temporary storage area will probably be gone after the trail is done.

4. Page 14 – Serpentine Barrens restoration plan is a big project and would probably require a grant. Ginnie reported that an area in Hershey's Mill was restored and the Board should contact them to see it. Wildlife – Bird boxes need to be maintained/cleaned each year. Ginnie suggested using dead trees for nesting instead of boxes.

Hazards – The Historical Commission determined that the farm building is not historical and should be removed as suggested by NLT report. Some dead trees should be preserved for bird nesting.

5. Page 15 – Education – Bryan will get new posters to post in the parks. The Board feels that labeling the new trees would be good.

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

A. None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

A. Walter asked Don about the Sunoco station at Boot Road. Don reported that Sunoco is doing work on the underground well for contamination by a spill in 2006. It did not spread to the nearby residential area. Mike said a shed will be installed for an air recovery system. The process should take 2 years.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Historical Commission – Joe reported that June 5th is Living History Day and they need volunteers. On page 75 of the East Goshen book, there is a photo of some residents with the Honor Roll Board. The Honor Roll Board lists WW II veterans and is from about 1945. Gary Althouse was doing an inspection on a dwelling in Milltown and found it there. The real estate agent said the Township could have it, so it is now the property of the township.

B. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that they will discuss active/passive definitions and the NLT report next month.

C. Planning Commission – Sue reported that at their last meeting Chuck Olivo from Malvern Bank was there regarding the YMCA. Techniplast's conditional use plan was approved and 2 requests for signs in the shopping center at Boot Rd. and Paoli Pike were denied.

D. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that they will discuss the Deer Ordinance at the May 5th meeting. The BOS agreed to have the consultant for the Hershey's Mill Dam do a new breach analysis and look at other options again. The Board is not going to Hershey this year. They are forming a Township Advisory Group (TAG). Applications must be in by April 15, 2010.

E. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that construction on the treatment plant is moving along. The contractor has requested a 3 month extension from June 30 to Sept. 30, 2010.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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