

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Delmonte, Jane Fava, Ginnie Newlin, Mark Kawecki, Sandra Snyder 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

Scott moved to accept the minutes of April 14, 2010 as corrected. Jane seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

A. Bryan thanked Ginnie for the article she provided for the Township Newsletter.

B. Plantings – 61 plants were planted at the Reservoir Road project on April 22, 2010 with assistance from the CRC. Ginnie was there to help. Ginnie commented that she felt the trees should have been planted on the riparian buffer. Instead, some upland trees were put in a cluster. Jane noted that there are some very large, well established multifloras in the area. Two years ago, Bryan and Ginnie walked the project with Weeds Inc but not since then. Ginnie feels someone should schedule a pre and post season inspection with him.

C. NLT grant – Jane will contact Holly to follow-up on our grant request.

D. Park Sign near the tennis courts has been removed for repair. Chas sent Bryan a copy of the old information sheet and Bryan updated it.

E. 2010 Goals – Bryan sent a copy of the 2010 goals vs Comprehensive Plan goals to Joe Gill, Asst. Township Manager.

F. Tree Ordinance – The Conservancy Board's recommendation for changes to the Tree Ordinance were submitted to Mark Gordon for review by the Planning Commission.

G. An invitation was received to attend a joint ABCs meeting this Saturday, May 15, 2010, 8:30 – 11:00 am. Ginnie will attend. Bryan suggested the CB submit the NLT recommendations for review. Jane wants to develop a 5 year plan based on the NLT report. Bob explained the purpose of this meeting is to discuss projects of the ABCs that may need to be coordinated.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. East Boot Road – Bryan reported that Wells did straighten the trees that were forced over during the severe winter weather. The CB will walk the area on Sat., May 22, 2010 at 10:00 am.

B. "Y" Trees – Jane asked Mark Miller to mulch and remove the mesh webbing around the trees. He has not responded. Bryan suggested walking this area on May 22nd. He will set up a meeting with Mark after that inspection. Don clarified that Rick Smith will be the person to contact the Y about replacements.

C. Riparian Zone Ordinance – Ginnie reported that the Planning Commission discussed the request to expand the Riparian Zone from 50' to 100'. At this time, it was decided to leave the 50' buffer. There is pending state legislation that may require a larger zone and this will be adopted by the County and Township.

D. Budget – No new activity in April. However, the \$60 that was shown on the March report is not on the April report. Bryan will check with the Township staff about this.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Potential Funders - The Conservancy Board received a list of organizations that could be potential sources of funding/partnership for projects. Mike commented that several companies in the corporate park are charitable givers to community projects.

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

A. None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

A. Ginnie went with the Master Gardeners to the Bucktoe Preserve, which was very interesting. In their woodland, they used smaller trees than those in our planting and planted in 2 phases. First, they planted slow growing trees. Then they planted faster growing trees. They do everything organically – no sprays at all.

B. Ginnie has information about Penn Future’s drive to support climate change legislation. The group supporting this is called “Cool Pennsylvanians”.

C. Ginnie received a letter from Patrick Starr, of PEC, requesting members attend their 40th Anniversary dinner at the Crystal Tea Room in Philadelphia. Cost is \$100/person. The Township will not pay for this but anyone on the Board can attend if they want to make the personal donation.

D. Jane said there is a large number of pipelines going through Chester County. There have been requests for additional right-of-ways to install new pipelines. This is a very destructive process. There is a very active group in the county trying to keep this under control.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that Christopher Moore will start his scout project later this month. He is installing mile markers along the path in Applebrook. Bob feels that one important item for the joint meeting is a common calendar. This would prevent planning two events on the same day. The Passive Park definition, which includes hunting, was approved by the BOS. On June 3, 2010 at 5:30 pm the Park and Recreation Board will walk Applebrook before their regular meeting. Bob feels the best time to remove the alders would be late fall when Mark has the manpower to do it.

B. Planning Commission - Sue reported that they discussed the riparian buffer request. Education of the public is critical, so she encouraged the Board to continue the articles in the Township Newsletter.

C. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that they passed the new Deer Ordinance which incorporates part of the resolutions the Deer Management Committee has been working from. The BOS appointed the 7 member TAG. The TAG has until 10/1/10 to give a report on the issues they have identified. The BOS has 3 proposals for fixing the Hershey’s Mill Dam. They sent this back to the Save the Dam Committee. Sycamore trees look like they are dying. Mark contacted a tree service to look at them. Scott noticed it today but would have to get up close to see what is wrong.

D. Historical Commission – Joe reported that June 5th is Living History Day (11 am to 4 pm). Also, the Plank House and Blacksmith Shop are now open on weekends.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jane seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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