

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2010
7:00 PM

- 1) CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 12, 2010
- 3) CHAIRMANS REPORT
- 4) OLD BUSINESS
 - A. NLT Recommendations
- 5) NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Hershey Mill Dam Proposed Motion
- 6) SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
- 7) BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
- 8) LIAISON REPORTS
- 9) PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 10) CORRESPONDENCE

REMINDER – Newsletter Article Submission Due Dates:

| <u>Article Due Date</u> | <u>Delivery date</u> |
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| August 11, 2010 | October 1, 2010 |
| November 10, 2010 | January 1, 2011 |

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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. **CHAIRMAN'S 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, upland trees were put in a cluster. Jane noted that there are some very large, well established multi florals 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 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 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 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 and planted in 2 phases. First, they planted big, slow growing trees. Then they planted faster growing trees. They do everything organically – no sprays at all.

B. Ginnie has information about Penn Future, a 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 was approved by the BOS. On June 3, 2010 at 5:00 pm the Board will walk Applebrook before their regular meeting. He 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 they have been working from. They appointed the 7 member TAG. The group 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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May 12, 2010

Conservancy Board Meeting:

Chairman Bryan Delmonte thanked Virginia Newlin for her article on Riparian Buffers printed in the Spring 2010 Township Newsletter. Bryan also discussed the Plantings on Reservoir road, spraying and control of invasives, sign repair at East Goshen Park and this Saturday's Park and Rec meeting.

East Boot Road Planting and Y trees were discussed. A walk is planned May 22, 2010 at 10:00 AM to review area. Webbing removal and mulching of plants was discussed. Discussion with Mark Miller to follow. Also mentioned were the dead trees at the Y. A report to be submitted to Rick Smith.

The Riparian Zone Ordinance was discussed. Continuing articles and other education was proposed. Possible PA State regulations were mentioned.

Potential Funders list was discussed. Also solicitation of local businesses for both funding and volunteering with Township projects.

No new land development to discuss.

Jane Fava voiced concern about the number of pipelines, both existing and proposed, running through the Township.

Liaisons: In addition to myself, Park and Rec, Planning, and the Board were represent and gave reports.

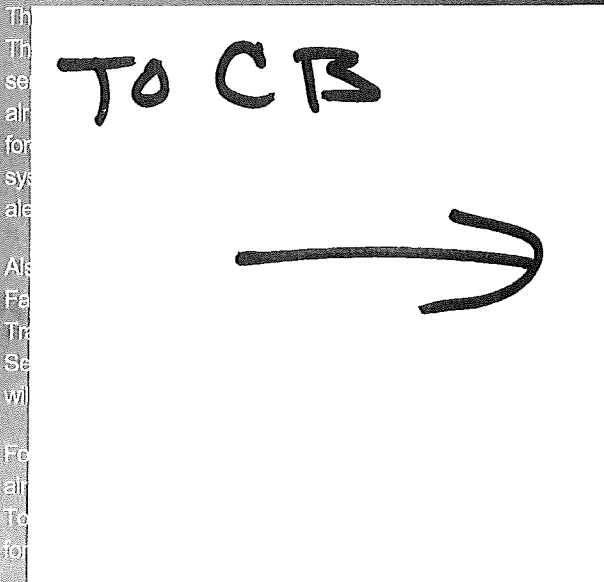
Joe Zug

Air Quality Partnership Gears Up for Ozone Season

*Warm Summer Weather =
Unhealthy Levels of Ground-Level Ozone*

As warmer weather approaches, so does the onset of ground-level ozone. Fortunately, ozone levels are being monitored and the public is alerted when levels become dangerous. A program of DVRPC, the Air Quality Partnership (AQP) educates residents about the dangerous effects of ground-level ozone and provides air quality forecasts to the public.

The AQP's ozone season kicks off in late-April and runs through September. In the summer, sunlight and high temperatures "bake" pollutants emitted by motor vehicles, power plants, and other sources of pollution to form high levels of ground-level ozone (i.e. smog). The AQP provides summertime ground-level ozone forecasts and encourages voluntary actions to reduce air pollution, such as taking transit and not topping off your gas tank.



DVRPC and TreeVitalize Municipalities Support Local Trees

Recognizing the need to restore tree canopy in our region, DVRPC is a key partner in the TreeVitalize Municipalities Program. A program of the overall TreeVitalize initiative, it operates in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties to help communities overcome obstacles to restoring and managing their tree canopy. It challenges municipal leaders to treat trees as part of their community's infrastructure, and to consider trees in their plans, ordinances, and capital improvement projects.

Recently, DVRPC completed a series of five case studies that highlight successful projects funded by the TreeVitalize Municipalities Forestry Incentive Grant Program. They include projects along Baltimore Avenue in Delaware County, in Cheltenham, in Hatfield Township, in Phoenixville/Schuylkill Township, and in Yardley/Morrisville.

Visit www.dvrpc.org/green to view the case studies. For more information about the TreeVitalize program, visit www.treevitalize.net.

DVRPC to Develop a Local Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Tool Kit

DVRPC is developing a new tool kit for townships and boroughs to provide step-by-step

guidance for identifying, prioritizing, and implementing cost-effective strategies to reduce energy demand and curb greenhouse gas emissions in municipal operations. It will help municipal leaders scrutinize current energy use to identify

where to conserve. The tool kit will contain specific actions to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in municipal operations, including information about their costs and benefits. The tool kit is expected to be completed later this spring,

and will be distributed to all municipalities in the region. DVRPC plans to conduct training sessions throughout the region as well.

For more information, visit www.dvrpc.org/EnergyClimate.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY

1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

May 26, 2010

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that The Hankin Group, owners and operators of the New Kent Apartment Community, has provided the Township with a conceptual sketch plan proposing to demolish the existing retail stores on the New Kent Property and to construct two residential apartment buildings in that location.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners and residents within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of sketch plans submitted and proposed projects of this nature that are submitted to the township for consideration.

This application is scheduled to be discussed during the meeting outlined below:

June 2, 2010 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)

All meetings are held at the Township Building and are open to the public and are subject to change. The variance application is available for review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or email me at mgordon@eastgoshen.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All Township Boards and Commissions
Neal Fisher, Jr. P.E., The Hankin Group (Via Email)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

May 20, 2010

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Mr. Benjamin Mudry, 1137 N. Chester Rd., has applied for a Zoning Variance requesting relief from the zoning ordinance. Mr. Mudry is requesting dimensional relief from the side yard setback requirements of the ordinance; §240-9-G. The applicant proposes to construct a 330 square foot deck that will encroach 6 feet into the required 20' side yard setback area.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners and residents within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of Zoning Variance applications.

This application is scheduled to be discussed during the meetings outlined below:

June 2, 2010 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)

June 15, 2010 – Board of Supervisors meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, formal meeting @ 8:00 pm)

June 30, 2010 – Zoning Hearing Board (meeting @ 7:30 pm) **(Zoning Hearing)**

All meetings and hearings are held at the Township Building and are open to the public. This application and all associated information are available for review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or email me at mgordon@eastgoshen.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions