

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**

June 9, 2010

7:00 P.M.

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Delmonte, Jane Fava, Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin, Sandra Snyder and Scott Sanders. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin; Bob Huebner, Park & Recreation; and Joe Zug, 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

Scott moved to accept the minutes of May 12, 2010 as corrected. Jane seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

A. Signs in Applebrook - Bryan reported that he is working with Mark Miller on signs in Applebrook. He provided the bird identification chart. The chart is larger than the sign stand so Mark will have the stand altered to fit the chart. Also, they are trying to get UV glass to help prevent fading.

B. Tree Ordinance - Mike Merwin provided copies of the Conservancy's proposed changes, which had changes marked in red by Mark Gordon. Section 218-4, Protection of Existing Trees During Construction was discussed with Rick Smith. Mark and Rick feel this section should be moved to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Mike said SALDO doesn't even refer to 218-4. The Conservancy Board discussed Mark Gordon's proposed changes. Section 205-61, on Page 2, (9) should read "Root pruning should not be done unless absolutely necessary and then no more than one side of the root system in a given year. Optimum timing is autumn."

Page 2, E, (3) The change to add to the end of the sentence should be "...Board of Supervisors", not just the board.

Page 1, C, line 20 refers to §218-4. This should be removed throughout since it is being moved to SALDO.

C. Weeds, Inc. – On May 28th he sprayed at Reservoir Road and capped the warm weather grasses. Jane and Ginnie want him to put in writing exactly what he did with the grasses and what herbicides he used and where.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. East Boot Road – Bryan reported that he and Walter walked the path at Historic Goshenville to inspect the plantings by W.D. Wells & Assocs. They observed the following:

1. American Hornbeam by the parking lot is dead and needs to be replaced.
2. Next two existing trees need to be pruned for removal of dead branches. (EGT Public Works)
3. Grouping of first 5 red cedars appears to be acceptable.
4. An existing black walnut needs to have dead vine removed. (EGT PW)
5. An existing tree by East Boot Road needs pruning of dead branches and vines (EGT PW)
6. A dead street tree across from an entrance to Bellingham needs to be removed. (EGT PW)
7. Oak trees planted did not match with pictures of Pin Oak tree. (Scott suggested they may be scarlet or white oak)
8. American Hornbeam by second grouping of red cedars is dead and needs to be replaced.
9. American Hornbeam next in the row is approximately ½ dead and likely needs to be replaced.
10. Red sunset maple looked acceptable.

Bryan compared the number of trees actually planted against the number in the plan as follows:

Red Cedars: 16 with 17 expected

American Hornbeam: 9 with 8 expected (Scott suggested Columnar Hornbeam to replace these)

Pin Oaks: 2 with 3 expected.

Red sunset Maple: 1 with 1 expected.

Bryan will forward the report to W.D. Wells and will schedule a time to walk this area with him.

B. NLT Recommendations – Ginnie attended the Joint ABCs meeting on May 15, 2010. They did not go into the details of the NLT report. Jane volunteered to work with the Park & Recreation board to develop a maintenance schedule for Applebrook Park. On Thursday, June 3, 2010 the Park & Recreation Board met at Applebrook Park to walk through the areas recommended for meadows in the NLT report. Mark Miller, Frank Vattilano and Jane Fava joined them. The first area recommended is next to the Pulte Preserve. It was decided that this will be kept as a meadow. Also, all areas along the stream will only be mowed approximately one mower width from the edge of the path, except where there are benches. The other area recommended for a meadow is the “y” shaped area beside the Chamber of Commerce building. Mark explained that this is a pipeline and must be mowed.

C. “Y” Trees – Jane reported that there are birds in the area. The tree protectors were removed. A tree replacement list was given to Rick Smith. West Chester University wants to design a sign to explain what they are doing in this woodland. Jane will take the proposed sign to the Park & Recreation Board for approval.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Hershey’s Mill Dam – Bryan moved that the Conservancy Board recommend removing the outdated Hershey’s Mill Dam to improve public safety, reduce flood damage, and restore fish and wildlife. Removal of this outdated dam will support the return of Ridley Creek to its natural state for surface water quality, flows, seasonal variations and biological diversity. The Conservancy Board is also recommending water monitoring both upstream and downstream of this dam before and after its removal to obtain factual data. Jane seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

A. Cell Tower – Bryan said he received a letter, as a resident, from the Township stating that the Planning Commission would be reviewing a plan to install a 150 foot cell tower behind the WAWA on Paoli Pike. He is going to write a letter opposing this and suggested that others do the same. Sandy suggested that the Conservancy Board, Park & Recreation Board, and Historical Commission work together to write a letter listing all the reasons to oppose this. Joe said the Historical Commission already wrote a letter when this was presented in January. The company looked for alternative locations but resubmitted their original plan. Ginnie reported that the Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors deny this request.

B. Rain Garden – Ginnie reported that she planted a rain garden at her home last fall and it is working very well. Sandy suggested that Ginnie write an article about how to do this. Jane feels the Township website should be used more to get information to the residents. Sometimes, waiting for the next Newsletter is too late and not the correct time of year. Sandy will contact Joe Gill about using the website and Ginnie will take photos of her garden and write an article about it.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Historical Commission – Joe reported that the Living History Day was a success in spite of the heat. On Thursday, July 22, 2010 the Town Tour and Village Walk will be held in East Goshen. The Historical Commission still needs volunteers. Contact Kathryn Yahares. Joe was told there is multiflora rose at the end of the boardwalk by the Plank House. Jane said she did go to check it when Kathryn told her about it but didn’t find any. Ginnie will check too.

B. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the Park & Recreation Board walked Applebrook Park with Jane to discussion meadows. Mark Miller is going to contact Weeds Inc. about spraying the purple loostrife in the wetlands across from TD Bank on Paoli Pike.

The path from the proposed bridge at Paoli Pk. & Line Road was originally supposed to go along the roads and up Line Road. When it was decided not to go up Line Road, it was also decided to make the path a loop back to the bridge. Jane explained that the first time she ever heard about a loop was when Mark was mowing the path and she was marking the spots to plant the Y trees. Ginnie explained that this woodland has to be closed with no path

through it in order to attract the wildlife that would live in a woodland habitat. Bob reported that the Park & Recreation Board voted to keep the loop and pave it.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Bryan acknowledged receipt of Joe Zug's report on last month's Conservancy meeting, and two letters from the township regarding variance requests to the Planning Commission.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Walter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy 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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