

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
September 8, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 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; Bob Huebner, Park & Recreation; and Don McConathy, Township Supervisor.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He led a moment of silence to remember our troops.

2. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ginnie moved to accept the minutes of August 11, 2010 as corrected. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- **Reservoir Road planting along Chester Creek wetlands:** Watering is scheduled for 8:30 AM on Sept. 9th. Plantings are scheduled AM for locations with other preparations and PM for volunteers on Sept. 16th. Jane requested that the Black Ash should be removed and replaced with another plant already listed below. The EGT CB has recently updated the township tree related ordinances with removal of ash trees due to the anticipated problems from the ash borer pest. Thus, we should not be planting ash trees along Chester Creek when developers have and continue to be advised against planting them. Scott recommended a substitute for the Pin Oaks, which has been observed to be vulnerable to pests and diseases. Ginnie reminded us of her e-mail that pawpaw is an understory tree and its foliage has an unattractive odor and form colonies from root sprout. She added that the cottonwoods are good companions of willows and are stream bank or swamp or floodplain candidates, often submerged, so they can go on the edge of the stream or in a swampy area.
- **Graph of Ridley Creek temperatures below Hershey's Mill Dam:** Anne Murphy (CRC Watersheds) provided us a graph (handout provided by Bryan) of Ridley Creek temperatures below Hershey's Mill Dam at a point a short distance below where the two streams join. The logger was in place from 5/28/2010 through the end of August. It is shown in comparison with the Brandywine at Chadds Ford. The Ridley Creek's temps tracked the Brandywine before the draining of the Hershey's Mill Dam on June 29, temps dropped sharply for a couple of days, then tracked the Brandywine's temperature, however, Ridley Creek was at a gap of 5 to 6 degrees lower. Some of the observed temperature drop was due to the loss of the Dam, making the stream more like a headwaters stream, and less like the Brandywine, which has a lot of sun on it.
- **Hershey Mill Dam appraisal:** EGT BOS has received the appraisal of \$1 for the value of Hershey Mill Dam. Thus, the Supervisors could sell it without public bid to Niel DeRiemer's "foundation" or other buyer, as the appraisal is less than \$1500 limit required for public bids. Don McConathy said that the Supervisors will likely still go out for public bids for this sale.
- **Walking Ridley Creek below Hershey Mill Dam:** Jane Fava, Bryan Del Monte and Anne Murphy walked Ridley Creek below Hershey Mill Dam South of Greenhill Road on Sept. 8th to identify macrobenthos organisms. Jane identified several black fly larvae and a may fly larvae attached to the bottom of rocks picked up from Ridley Creek.
- **Grants for breaching Hershey Mill Dam:** The Supervisors approved a motion on Aug. 17th for the Township to apply for grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and from the NOAA Open Rivers Initiative to fund the removal of Hershey Mill Dam. Linda Gordon completed and submitted these grants with help from Anne Murphy (and Bryan Del Monte remotely).

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Comprehensive Plan Goals – The Board members reviewed the goals in the Comprehensive Plan and discussed the status of several items. Bryan will notify Rick Smith of the items that the Board feels the status should change. They are:

4A-1 The board has been informing residents through articles in the newsletter. Education and outreach is done by the CRC. The status should be changed to “completed/ongoing”.

4A-2 Ginnie did an article in the township newsletter about the serpentine barrens. The NLT started a list of sites in Applebrook Park. Jane thinks Mark Miller has a map. Ginnie said the DEP also did a study showing where no development could be done. The status should be changed to “active”.

B. 2011 Goals and Mission Statement – Tabled until next meeting.

C. Rain Garden – Ginnie has taken pictures of her rain garden which were very interesting. She has written an article about it. She will submit them for the next newsletter.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Growing Greener Grants – Jane attended a meeting today in North Conventry Township. Governor Rendell and the Secretaries of DEP & DCNR were there. Renew Growing Greener is a group lobbying to get funds back into the state budget for these grants via a tax on the Marcellus Shale extractions. The PA House has passed a 4.5% tax (the same as West Virginia’s tax) plus other fees. The Senate is reviewing the bill. She is mentioning this because Chester County is the largest area with pipelines which will increase in the future. There have been 1400 violations in this industry in the past year. This is a huge environmental issue.

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

A None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

A. None

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the Park & Rec Board approved the minutes of the May 15, 2010 Joint ABCs meeting. They had to do this since the Park Board organized the meeting. The Park Board held a workshop to discuss policy and procedure for grants. They want a written plan including a plan for maintenance and map at least 60 days prior to the deadline for submission of the grant. This policy was sent to the BOS for review and approval. Don thinks there is a resolution about grants and this may be incorporate into that. The Board discussed the use of the park by large groups.

The Township (Paper) Shredding Day will be Sat. Oct. 23, 2010 at the Baptist Church and sponsored by the YMCA and Penn National Bank.

The Board discussed a proposal from the Cub Scouts to use East Goshen Park for their week long camp. A lack of parking is the reason they are looking for another site besides Oakbourne Park. However, Archery is a big part of their program and the Park Regulations do not allow weapons in the park. Jane and Scott voiced concern about setting a precedent if the Board approves this.

B. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that the Board received estimates to repair or breach the Hershey’s Mill Dam at \$400,000 – 600,000. They are considering a sale of the property.

Trash bids were rejected. The township budget deficit has shrunk from \$1.3 million to \$750,000.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
A. Bryan acknowledged receipt of the New Regulations, Chapter 102 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code from Buckley, Brion, McGuire, Morris & Sommer LLP. This concerns special protection watershed projects. Bryan will email Rick Smith about reviewing the Township Ordinance to make any necessary changes.
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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary

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