

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Delmonte, Jane Fava, Ginnie Newlin, Sandra Snyder, 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.

2. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jane moved to accept the minutes of September 8, 2010 as corrected. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. Reservoir Road project was watered on 9/9/10 and plantings were done on 9/16/10. Bryan checked on 10/8/10 to see if there was any damage due to the excessive rain storm. He said the water was several feet deeper, 3 or 4 cages were knocked over and about 20 were still standing. The CRC brought volunteers today to stabilize and clean up the area. There was a very large, very heavy tree branch that was washed up against one of the trees. It took several people to move it.

B. Hershey's Mill Dam – There were no bidders to purchase the dam. Bryan received a note from Rick Smith stating that the National Fish and Wildlife Commission will not be providing any funding.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Tree Ordinance – Mark Gordon asked how high up a tree you would measure to get the caliper of the tree. Scott said a tree should be 12 feet high. Smaller than that are saplings. For a mature tree, you would measure 4 ½ feet from the ground. For a young tree (sapling) measure 12 inches from the ground.

B. 2010 Budget – Mark Miller determined that \$301 for grass seed should not be charged to the Conservancy Board. He will have it transferred. There is \$2,800.00 remaining in the 2010 budget. The Board was surprised that only \$640 has been paid to Weeds, Inc. Upon further searching, Bryan discovered that there were payments allocated to general expenses. Don suggested that he contact Deb Breury to have this corrected. However, the Board feels that most of the remaining balance will be for Weeds Inc. payments.

C. Signs – Two existing bird signs were rebuilt and two new additional signs were installed. The sign at the tennis courts was repaired and moved over slightly.

D. East Boot Road – Bryan will contact Tony DuFour about the 4 trees he still owes on this planting project.

E. Comprehensive Plan Goals – The goal to develop a Mission Statement was tabled last month. The following are ideas from Board members:

- * Preserve Township Open Space
- * Educate residents about the necessities and possibilities of improving environmental standards.
- * Review land development/subdivision plans with consistent input as to what plants can be used.
- * Protect and nurture of East Goshen natural resources.
- * Keep the Board of Supervisors and ABCs thinking green.

This will be discussed further and a decision made at the next meeting. Jane said the EAC Handbook is online now and may provide some ideas.

Sandy would also like to include a goal for 2011 to be more proactive in putting items on the township website.

F. Newsletter - 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.

G. Ordinance – Don pointed out that the Board should provide the lists of plants they allow and don't allow to be put in a resolution. A resolution can be updated each year more easily than changing the ordinance. It was decided that Mike will tell Mark Gordon to take the lists in the ordinance sections 205-61(f) plants/trees and 205-62(b) street trees out of the ordinance and put them into a resolution. Ginnie feels there is a list of invasives/noxious plants in the ordinance. Jane feels there is not because the State regulates these.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. NLT Report – Bryan, Jane, Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore and Bob Huebner met yesterday to discuss a plan for implementing some of the recommendations in the NLT report. Jane volunteered to write a detailed plan for 2011 budget. Don reminded her that the Board of Supervisors needs this as soon as possible.

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

A New Kent Apartments – Neal Fisher represented the applicant. He presented a new landscape plan. They want to widen the boulevard at the entrance on Boot Road and improve the entrance. They plan to make both sides of the entrance consistent. There will be pervious parking with landscape islands. He reviewed the type and number of plants. Bryan informed Neal that Eastern White Pines break easily under pressure from snow. He will use Leland Cypress instead. The Board approved the plan. Bryan will write a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

A. Boardwalk – Ginnie was walking on the boardwalk and noticed that there are some callary pear trees that need to be removed before they get any higher. Also, Don said the boardwalk is in need of repair. Bob will let the Park Board and Mark Miller know about these concerns.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that a member of the TAG (Township Advisory Group) attended their last meeting. Frank gave him lots of ideas to increase revenue. Parking in the East Goshen Park is a growing problem. The Pumpkin Festival is this Saturday, October 16. A resident who attended the last meeting suggested that left turns in and out of the original entrance to East Goshen Park be limited or eliminated. When Bob was at the Park the other day, there was an auto accident at this entrance. Bob spoke to the police about the accident and they suggested a left turn lane into the park. Don suggested that the Board request a history of incidents at that location for the last several years. This would indicate if there is a problem or not.

B. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that the Hershey's Mill Dam did not sell because of the bond that the DEP required. Senya and Don met with the Save the Dam Committee to review their ideas. They are going to form a 501(3)c to start fundraising. The last big storm caused flooding on Green Hill Road but no damage. The Trash contract for 2011 provides for 2 trash pickups per week and 2 yard waste pickups per month. The yard waste must be separated from the regular trash. The overall cost will decrease. A letter will be sent to the residents.

The possibility of installing a cell tower in East Goshen Park was discussed. However, the company has not provided data showing that there is a need. There is a Zoning Hearing Board scheduled. The BOS will look at this after the hearing.

TAG presented their report last night which contains 41 recommendations.

C. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that the Municipal Authority was going to have Executive Session so it was suggested that they not attend the meeting. He did report that the expansion of the treatment plant is complete. The contractor trailers have been removed.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Bryan acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mark Gordon regarding wireless communications facilities. He also acknowledged receipt of a letter regarding a conditional use application from CTDI to increase their parking spaces.

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 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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