

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
November 10, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 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; Joe Zug, Historical Commission, Don McConathy, Township Supervisor and Erich Meyer, Resident.

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 October 13, 2010 as corrected. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. Reservoir Road – Bryan received an email from Mark Miller stating that they were going to remove a tree that fell during the last storm. Bryan went by to check the area and found no evidence that they had been there except that the tree was gone. He thanked Mark for the care his crew took when removing the tree. The area is still very wet. Two cages have been removed from trees and Bryan thinks some recently planted trees should be replanted because they are in about 1 foot of water. Both Jane and Ginnie assured him that the trees will survive.

B. Longwood Gardens – Bryan reported that the 4 bluebird houses in the wetland are in severe disrepair. He can get one bluebird house and the plans to build it for free from Longwood Gardens. Mark Miller said his crew will build 3 more from the plans. Mark also said his crew will do an annual inspection to clean and repair the birdhouses. The Board approved this. Bryan will submit a request for the free house and the plans.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Tree Ordinance – Ginnie reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the revised Ordinance and found the caliper for street trees is different from that required for replacement/development trees. Mark Gordon will have this corrected to 3 inches to be consistent throughout the ordinance.

B. 2010 Budget – Bryan reported that the changes found last month were made. He also called Weeds Inc. who verified that they submitted all their bills for 2010. There was less time needed this year. The Board discussed options for using the remaining budget. Jane made a motion to extend the warm season grasses on Reservoir Road. Walter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Bryan will contact Weeds Inc. to get this started.

C. Newsletter – Ginnie submitted an article and photos for the next Township Newsletter.

D. Comprehensive Plan Goals – Last month ideas for the Board's Mission Statement were presented. The Board reviewed the suggestions. Walter moved to approve the following Mission Statement:

The Mission Statement of the East Goshen Township Conservancy Board is to protect and nurture East Goshen's natural resources and educate East Goshen citizens of their importance.

Jane seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or comment. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Green Region/PECO grants – Jane explained that PECO prefers that these requests come as a partnership between municipalities. Scott commented that in the past East Goshen didn't qualify for a tree grant from PECO because Peco wanted a plan for planting trees under the PECO lines and West Goshen wasn't interested in a partnership.

Jane said the trees the Board is getting now is through the Tree Vitalize Program, not PECO. She feels the Park & Recreation Board should apply for a grant to pay for a Management Plan for Applebrook. The Conservancy Board members agreed with this recommendation. Jane provided Drew Gilchrist as a contact name to Bob Huebner.

B. Ginnie reported that she has received a \$500 grant from Jim McKenzie, of Octarara Nursery, for planting bushes and trees. Bryan said the Conservancy Board would appreciate being considered by her for this.

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

None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

A. Ginnie asked if the reservoir dam has a name. Mike Merwin thinks it is the Milltown Dam.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Board of Supervisors - Don reported that the BOS is working on the Budget for 2011 which is projected to have a deficit of just under \$1 million.

Liberty Towers cancelled their zoning hearing for the second time, so he feels there will not be a cell tower behind the Wawa on Paoli Pike.

The BOS is in the process of rewriting the wireless ordinance.

The Township is close to going live with the new Website. It should be done in December.

East Goshen is going to a new email system with archiving for storage of emails. Each Chairman of an ABC will be assigned an account and all emails regarding township business will have to be sent through this system.

Don voiced concern about the area on Strasburg Rd. between Dutton Mill and Springhouse where PECO or PennDOT pruned trees. It looks awful. Scott explained that if PECO has to do emergency trimming, they don't have to clean up. Under their regular pruning not on a residential property, they leave the mess until a complaint is placed. He explained their guidelines for pruning. Don will contact PennDOT.

B. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that there have been problems with parking in the park with Ss. Simon and Jude sports team. The Ss. Simon & Jude representative came to the meeting and will provide a plan for parking monitors, etc, for 2011. Mark Miller also suggested increasing the parking spaces on east side of the East Goshen Park, where the soccer fields are located.

The Board may increase all of the fees substantially for 2011, because the BOS wants all programs to pay for themselves.

C. Historical Commission – No report

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Bryan acknowledged receipt of a letter from PA Environmental Council to renew the Board's membership. The board approved payment of this membership fee. Bryan will check on the amount.

B. Bryan received information from the EAC Network on a new program called "Bird Town" which partners with Audubon.

C. Rick Smith forwarded 2 letters from Ann Murphy with the CRC regarding applications for financing to breach the Hershey's Mill Dam.

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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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