

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Delmonte, Ginnie Newlin, Walter Wujcik and Sandra Snyder. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin; Joe Zug, Historical Commission; Don McConathy, Township Supervisor; Sue Carty, Planning Commission; 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**

Walter moved to accept the minutes of November 10, 2010 as corrected. Ginnie seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. Reservoir Road – Bryan reported that he and Ann Murphy moved 2 trees out of the wetlands and into a dry area.

B. Longwood Gardens – Bryan reported that he sent the request for the plans for a bluebird house to Longwood Gardens and received the plan. He would like to have 3 boxes ready for spring. Longwood Gardens recommends the use of metal or plastic posts to prevent other animals from climbing up to the nest.

C. East Boot Road – Bryan spoke with Tony Dufour of Wells. Tony is planning to replace the trees next week.

D. WEEDS, Inc. – Bryan spoke with Brian O'Neal of WEEDS, Inc. Brian verified that they sprayed for warm season plants.

E. PEC – Bryan submitted a check request for a donation of \$50 to go to the PEC. Ginnie thinks it should be more.

F. Bryan announced that the Board of Supervisors reappointed him to the Conservancy Board for a 5-year term. Also, the Board of Supervisors appointed Adam Knox to the Conservancy Board effective January 1, 2011. They thanked Jane Fava for her years of dedicated service to the Township.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Comprehensive Plan Goals – The combined annual ABC planning meeting will be Saturday January 8, 2011. The Conservancy Board is scheduled first at 8:05 am. The Board reviewed the 2010 goals and discussed recycling. Don suggested that the Board use the Newsletter to inform the residents about electronics recycling and give locations (Best Buys, etc). He said a letter will be sent to the residents about the new trash schedule. Sandy suggested listing Goals as an item of discussion on future agendas. Ginnie moved to approve the goals for 2011. Walter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Green Region (PECO) – The Conservancy Board feels that the Park & Recreation Board should apply for a grant to develop a plan for open space management.

C. Liaison - Bryan will speak to Adam Knox about taking the position of Liaison to the Park & Recreation Board.

D. Tree Ordinance Amendment – Ginnie suggested that the following changes/corrections be made to the proposed amendment:

Page 1 – Specimen Tree – add “age” to the definition.

Page 2 sec. 3, 16 – Change “affect” to “effect”

Page 2 Sec. 5B – Add item #10 – Specimen Tree.

Page 3 D 4 – add “or equivalent”.

Page 4 Sec 8 A, 4 -shall not operate or park any equipment within the TPZ.

Bryan will forward these to Mark Gordon.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Tree Vitalize – Trees are available at \$35 each. Don is concerned that the township is losing Street Trees that aren’t being replaced. This may be a way to get the trees paid for and get volunteers to do the planting. The grant does not cover labor to plant the trees. Ann Murphy gave Bryan the names of 2 Townships where volunteers did the planting under this grant program.

B. CRC – Bryan reported that CRC is requesting \$200 to cover costs that were above the grant funds for the last planting they did at Reservoir Road. Ginnie did not agree since this was a CRC project and although she thinks the Board should support CRC and is very grateful for their help, she doesn’t feel they should ask for this. Bryan will request something in writing to present to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

C. Newsletter – Bryan will provide an article about the blue bird boxes. Don suggested letting residents know that plans to build a box are available if they want to build their own.

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

None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

A. Ginnie went to a Board of Supervisors meeting last night where the “Save the Dam” Committee gave a presentation. She felt that the BOS were in favor of the position of the “Save the Dam” Committee. Ginnie said she would consider offering her \$500 grant to do plantings if the dam is breached. Don reported that the BOS is waiting for cost estimate to build a dam behind the dam.

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Planning Commission – Sue reported that Liberty Towers made application again to put a cell tower behind the Wawa on Paoli Pike. No representative came to the meeting. The Commission recommended the request be denied.

B. Historic Commission – Joe reported that there was no regular meeting in December because of the Township Holiday Party. There will be an executive meeting.

C. Board of Supervisors - Don reported that the new Township website will go live at the end of December. The final budget deficit for 2010 will be about \$150,000. Because of changes being made the anticipated deficit for 2011 has been lowered to about \$380,000.

The post and rail fence that was being used at the sewer plant has been moved to the berm on Line Road. A gate was added to the access road.

D. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that they had executive session last month.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Walter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ginnie seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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