

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Del Monte, Ginnie Newlin, Walter Wujcik, Mark Kawecki, Scott Sanders, Sandra Snyder and new member Adam Knox. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin; Joe Zug, Historical Commission; Don McConathy, Township Supervisor; Bob Huebner, Park and Recreation; 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. **REORGANIZATION**

Scott nominated Bryan for Chairman. Adam seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous. Ginnie nominated Walter for Vice Chairman. Scott seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Walter moved to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting as corrected. Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

A. Budget – The final invoice of \$2,590 was received for Weeds Inc before the end of the year. The remaining balance was \$447, but Don pointed out that a charge from CRC for \$250 will be subtracted from that balance.

B. Longwood Gardens – Bryan brought a sample blue bird box to the meeting. The Public Works Department has started building some.

C. Bryan walked the Chester Creek wetlands and found a fair amount of litter (plastic, cans, etc) close to Reservoir Road. He picked it up and will check on it again.

D. Liaisons for 2011 – The following will be liaisons:

Ginnie – Planning Commission
Bryan – Board of Supervisors
Sandra – Historical Commission
Adam – Park & Recreation
Mark – Deer Committee
Walter – Municipal Authority

E. Bryan received an email from Ann Murphy, CRC, about Mike Broennle who is interested in a volunteer opportunity in an environmental project. Mark reminded the Board that TD Bank offered funding or time to help with projects. The following are some possible projects:

1. The cages for plantings at the riparian buffer along Chester Creek need to be cleaned out.
2. Ridley Creek along the Historic Goshenville area needs a streamside clean up.
3. East Boot Road – Tony DuFour still needs to replace the trees that didn't survive. Sandy and Ginnie feel there is more that can be done to make it nice for the people who walk through there.

F. Annual ABC Meeting – At last Saturday's annual meeting, Marty Shane asked if the Conservancy Board was working on storm water, Thom Clapper asked if any recommendations in the NLT report have been implemented,

and Jim McRee asked what the impact of deer was on the plantings. Bryan told Jim flooding is more of a problem than the deer. Don commented that there is no funding in this year's budget for NLT projects.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Reforestation at Line Rd. and Paoli Pike – Professor Gerard Hertel, from West Chester University, commended the Conservancy Board for getting 2.5 acres of reforestation in place. He was pleased with the number and size of the trees that were planted. In July 2009 WCU measured and identified all of the trees. In Fall 2009 students did a study of the carbon the trees would remove from the air and identified the locations of the trees using GPS. In the Summer of 2010 the students pruned the trees. In Fall 2010 the trees were measured by a student who will use this report for his Masters degree. Robin nests were found in several trees. Gerry proposed adding some signage. West Chester University will provide funding for the signs to describe the project and identify the trees and plants. Bob reminded everyone that the Park and Recreation Board would have to approve the signs.

Gerry also wants to make a long-term plan for maintenance and to provide understory. Gerry recommended spice bush for the understory. For recommendations on mowing, Gerry advised contacting either Longwood or someone at NLT. Bryan commented that the path going through the reforested area and the bridge are complete. Gerry said that WCU is proud of its outreach to surrounding communities. They are excited about the possible educational opportunity and would like to have a ceremony to show everyone the project. Adam volunteered to be the contact for the Conservancy Board.

B. Street Trees – Mike will get a list from Mark Miller showing the locations of missing street trees.

C. Tree Ordinance – Mark Gordon said the changes have been made and the ordinance is being review by the County.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. The Planning Commission is having a Workshop on Wednesday Jan. 19 about the Special Exception request for the McGinty property. Don gave a summary of the request and concerns of the residents.

B. Email Policy – The CBChair@eastgothen.org email address will be assigned to Bryan. All board members who email using their personal email for township business must cc the chairman or any township staff member so the email will be archived with other Township emails.

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

None

8. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

A. Ginnie is going to a seminar on woodland plantings later this month.

B. Ginnie wants to review the attendance policy. Sandra said she received a packet with all that information when she was appointed. Adam did not get a packet so he will contact Rick Smith.

C. Bryan said there will be a CRC seminar on Sunday Feb. 20th about Lawn Alternatives.

D. Sandy would like a list of Board members phone/cell phone numbers.

9. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that Ruth Scadding is the Chairman. An Eagle Scout Project will make improvements to the Mill Creek ball field. The Park and Recreation Board denied a permit request for a Boy Scout Camp in the park because one of their activities is archery and use of any weapons is not allowed in the parks. Due to a continuing problem with parking on the grass in the park, the Board is going to review the Rules and Regulations.

B. Historic Commission – Joe reported that Ellen Carmody is the Chairman and Ben and Chris are Co-Vice Chairmen

C. Board of Supervisors - Don reported that the new 501(c)3 Committee will have its first meeting this month. It will make it possible for people to donate cash to the Township.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Bryan acknowledged receipt of a letter announcing Adam's appointment to the Conservancy Board.

12. **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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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