

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 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 Adam Knox. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin; Judy Schafer, Historical Commission; Sue Carty, Planning Commission; 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Walter moved to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting as corrected. Ginnie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. Bryan received a follow up from the Board of Supervisors to the report he gave at the annual ABC meeting on January 18, 2011. Bryan compared the goals in the Comprehensive Plan to the goals the BOS assigned and 6 of the goals matched. However, he discovered that the goal to increase the riparian buffers in the township actually duplicates a goal for the Planning Commission.

B. Bryan submitted the article on the Blue Bird boxes for the next township newsletter.

C. The township is investigating the possibilities of getting the state to harvest geese in the township.

D. There should be a landscape plan soon from the applicant who wants to purchase the McGinty property.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. On April 21, 2011, the CRC and ING volunteers will be at the Reservoir Road project to do maintenance and possibly install bat houses. The CRC is proposing to install 2 bat houses which are 3 chamber houses on a pole or post. Adam and Sandy would like more information, i.e. size, location. Bob will bring this up at the Park and Recreation Board meeting in March since they need to approve this.

B. Ginnie is considering a project for her \$500 award. She would like to do a section of understory plants in the new reforestation area from the middle out to the edge of Paoli Pike. She suggested particular plants and wants them fenced in to keep the deer out. Bryan proposed matching her \$500 with funds from the Conservancy Board budget. Adam feels this would make the area look nice and would cut down on mowing.

C. Natural Lands Trust – Bryan spoke to Rick Smith who said the Board of Supervisors would like the Conservancy Board to address invasives and come up with a plan as suggested in the NLT report. The BOS wants an action plan by September 1, 2011 so funding can be put in the 2012 budget. The BOS wants to set a goal to have invasive species in East Goshen and Applebrook parks under control in 5 years, by January 1, 2017. Bryan will contact Brian O'Neal of WEEDS, Inc. and give him a copy of the report so he can give the Conservancy Board some advice. Bob commented that some work has begun in East Goshen park particularly poison ivy. Scott said this is a task that never ends and is ongoing. Also, although there are water based

herbicides now, he feels this goes against what the Conservancy Board stands for. Adam suggested that the Conservancy Board give the BOS a total plan with all costs. He will contact Gerry Hertel at WCU to see if they can assist with a plan. Ginnie commented that Mike Bromley is interested in doing work with the Conservancy Board. Bryan asked the Board members to review the NLT report for discussion at the March meeting to start working on an action plan.

D. CRC planting – Each Conservancy Board member should come to the next meeting with a suggestion for a planting in the township.

E. East Boot Road – Scott suggested an evergreen that will provide coverage but is not susceptible to snow damage and use 3 specimens as a demonstration area. Ginnie opposed this since this was originally a hedgerow. Bryan suggested doing a severe pruning to clear the area and let nature take its time to fill it in. Ginnie said Mark Miller will keep the strip as a meadow. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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

None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

None

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the Park & Rec Board reviewed and revised the Park Rules and Regulations. The TAG recommendations were a big part of the meeting. The Park & Rec Board needs to increase revenue and balance their budget by next year. There will be a dedication of the new bridge in Applebrook sometime this Spring. They would like suggestions for a name. Bob also mentioned that a cell tower may be installed in East Goshen Park.

Adam brought up the subject of the sign that Gerry Hertel from West Chester University wants to put in the reforestation area. The Park Board was open to this idea so Adam will follow up with Prof. Hertel.

B. Historic Commission – Judy had no report but will check with the Historical Commission about the correct name for the historic area and for possible historic names for the bridge.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy 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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