

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Del Monte, Ginnie Newlin, Walter Wujcik, Scott Sanders, and Adam Knox. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin; Judy Schafer, Historical Commission; George Martynick, Planning Commission; Bob Huebner, Park and Recreation; Don McConathy (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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Walter moved to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2011 meeting as corrected. Ginnie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

A. Bryan reviewed dates of upcoming events.

4/9 – Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day

4/15 – CRC will be cleaning Goose Creek behind the Kmart

4/28 – CRC/ING will do maintenance at the Reservoir Road/Chester Creek project.

4/27 – CRC event – Healthy Yard & Streams Day

B. Bryan attended the Planning Commission Workshop on Feb. 16, 2011 and the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 1, 2011 about the proposed cell tower. He has a copy of the proposal if anyone wants to see it.

C. The Board of Supervisors approved the Tree Ordinance. It will go to the county for review. It will be adopted when it comes back from the County.

D. Kathryn Yahraes sent an email with information about a seminar being held on Saturday March 12 by the Chester County Historical Society about Section 106. Don explained that this Federal law will be part of the process for the cell tower because the tower is visible from Historic Goshenville.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

A. NLT – The NLT report had recommendations for treating invasives in Applebrook. Ginnie commented that NLT recommends starting with a small area. Also, she attended a conference last week and spoke to Brian O'Neal about meadows and invasives. He has some good ideas. Bob reported that WEEDS, Inc. started treatments last year. Scott said that cutting followed by immediate application of herbicides must be done on the alders. Bryan suggested a walk. Walk was set for Saturday afternoon at 2 or 3 pm.

B. Understory Plants - Ginnie spoke with Jim McKensie. She feels she could get about 50 plants for \$500. She wants to select an area, put up fencing and put down woodchips. Bob commented that the Park & Recreation Board is concerned that, if the fence is too close to the road, deer might be attracted to the plantings and cause a safety hazard. He suggested putting it back from the road, perhaps near the creek. Ginnie would like to walk the area on Friday. Adam commented that Mark Miller and Ruth Scadding want to be included in a walk. Erich asked about the type of fencing. Ginnie gave 2 types: 1) there would be 2 fences one inside the other made of black plastic, 4 ft high with stakes and 2) an electric

fence. The fence would be there long enough to get the plants established. Ginnie reminded everyone that the Board will need help to install the plants.

- C. Mowing – Adam commented that the Park & Rec Board wants to mow Applebrook meadow areas 2 times per year. They want to mow 2 mower widths on each side of the path. This should be discussed at the walk on Friday.
- D. Bat Houses – CRC is still interested in installing some bat houses at Reservoir Road, but hasn't provided the location and maintenance plan. Erich gave Bryan a booklet entitled "Building a Better Bat House" which shows the houses on very high posts about 10 feet off the ground.
- E. Blue Bird nest boxes – The Township has about 10 of these boxes throughout the parks and they have been there for a while. Mark Miller is going to look for metal posts instead of wood. Don suggested putting some in the Ashbridge Reserve. Volunteers are needed to maintain the boxes.
- F. CRC on April 21, 2011, at the Reservoir Road project, will clean and restake cages, and give feedback on the condition of plants that may need replacement.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Rick Smith gave Bryan some information on possible grants from PA DCNR C2P2. The deadline is April 20, 2011. The Board did not think these grants would apply to their interests. Judy took the information for the Paoli Battlefield.
- B. Adam spoke with Gerry Hertel at WCU about the sign in the new forest area. He needs to know what size and what information should be on the sign. Ginnie suggested looking at the signs at Reservoir Road. Bob suggested the purpose of the project, how many trees, acreage, and type of trees could be put on the sign.
- C. Judy passed out information on George Clymer who was a resident of East Goshen and signed the Constitution. The Historical Commission is suggesting the use of his name for the new bridge or forest area. Scott commented that he liked the idea of using the name of someone with a historical background in a natural setting.

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 is looking into having a Farmers Market at the East Goshen Park to help generate some revenue. Top Crop will be treating the poison ivy in the park. Road striping in East Goshen Park was approved. The Board of Supervisors approved increasing the Board from 5 to 7 members. The Park Board will have a workshop on Tues. March 15 at 10 am.
- B. Historic Commission – Judy reported that the name of the historic area is The Education Center at Historic Goshenville.
- C. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that an RFP (Request For Proposal) for a cell tower was approved. Proposed sites are in the East Goshen Park or Township Complex. Liberty Tower variance hearing was continued to April 23.

D. Planning Commission – George reported that the Planning Commission is reviewing the sign ordinance and looking at electronic signs to be sure the Township has everything covered in the ordinance. The Board of Supervisors approved Del Vacchio with the 20 conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Regarding the development in Willistown, George reported that Megann Hedgecock is attending the Willistown meetings. She sent George information about sidewalks and traffic lights. Lights are planned at the intersection of Paoli Pike and Line Road and at the entrance to Bryn Mawr Rehab. She didn't mention a trail system. The total homes will be 139.

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary

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