AGENDA EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING April 13, 2011 7:00 PM

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES –March 9, 2011
- 3) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
- 4) OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. A plan for Natural Land Trust Invasive plant recommendations.
 - 2. Discuss under story planting for new woodlands.
 - 3. Updates on replies from CRC Watersheds on their bat Houses.
 - 4. Installing of Bird nest boxes at Chester creek By Public Works.
 - 5. ING/CRC Earth Day Planting in East Goshen
 - 6. PA DCNR C2P2 Grant Opportunity 2011
- 5) NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Conditional Use Application for 1422 Paoli Pike
- 6) SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
- 7) BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
- 8) LIAISON REPORTS
- 9) PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 10) CORRESPONDENCE

Dates of Importance

April 13, 2011	Conservancy Board	7:00 pm
April 14, 2011	Historical Commission	7:00 pm
April 16, 2011	Township Egg Hunt (Park)	10:00 am
	(rain date April 17)	
	6 th Annual Chester Creek Cleanup	
April 19, 2011	Park & Recreation w/s	10:00 am
	Board of Supervisors	7:00 pm
April 20, 2011	Planning Commission w/s	7:00 pm
April 21, 2011	Police Commission	8:00 am
April 22, 2011	Office Closed for Good Friday	
	Earth Day	

April 26, 2011	Board of Supervisors	7:00 pm
April 27, 2011	Zoning Hearing Board	7:30 pm
	Liberty Towers	
May 3, 2011	Board of Supervisors	7:00 pm
May 4, 2011	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
May 5, 2011	Park & Recreation Board	7:00 pm
	Zoning Hearing Board	7:30 pm
	Stein – 1519 Richards Rd	
May 7, 2011	Township Yard Sale	9 am - 1 pm
	(rain date May 8)	
May 9, 2011	Municipal Authority	7:00 pm
May 10, 2011	Board of Supervisors	7:00 pm

draft 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
 - 4/21 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 it 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 and application of herbicides must be done simultaneously 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 who said 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

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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 20 of these boxes throughout the parks and they have been there for awhile. Public Works has refurbished some. 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 been 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 it 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. 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 for a cell tower was approved. Porposed sites are in the East Goshen Park or Township Complex. Liberty Tower was continued to April 23.

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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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EAST GOSHEN CONSERVANCY



Mr. Marc Lewis, President The Pennsylvania Forestry Association 56 East Main Street Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Please be advised at their March 9, 2011 meeting the Conservancy Board of East Goshen Township decided not to renew their membership for 2011. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the Forestry Association for their assistance in conservation matters.

Sincerely,

Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manger

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY 1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

March 29, 2011

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Michael and Leisa Stein, 1519 Richard Drive, West Chester PA, 19380, have submitted an application to the Township requesting relief from the Township Zoning Ordinance. Mr. and Mrs. Stein are requesting that the Zoning Hearing Board grant them ten (10) feet of dimensional relief from the Side Yard requirement of the zoning ordinance in order to construct a detached two car garage on their property.

Specifically, Mr. and Mrs. Stein are seeking relief from the minimum side yard requirement of §240-28.D.(3)(b), to allow a side yard setback of ten (10) feet for the proposed garage.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners and residents within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of Zoning Variance applications.

This application is scheduled to be discussed during the meetings outlined below:

April 6, 2011 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm)

April 19, 2011 - Board of Supervisors meeting (7:00 pm)

May 5, 2011 - Zoning Hearing Board (Zoning Hearing, 7:30 pm)

All meetings are held at the Township Building and are open to the public and are subject to change. The variance application is available for review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or email me at mgordon@eastgoshen.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely

Mark A. Gordon

Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY 1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

March 30, 2010

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Tru-Team Inc. has submitted a Conditional Use application with the Township for their property at 1422 Paoli Pike. The owners are applying to adaptively reuse the existing historic building as a business office in accordance with §240-38.5.A(3)(a) of the Township Code. Specifically the building will be used as a physician's office.

Pursuant to Township policy, all property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of these types of applications. The tentative dates and times upon which this application will be discussed are as follows; and are subject to change.

April 6, 2011- Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 pm (workshop at 7:00 pm) (Applicant's presentation)

April 14, 2011 - Historic Commission meeting at 7:00 pm

May 4, 2011 - Planning Commission Meeting at 7:30 (workshop at 7:00 pm)

May 24, 2011 - Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:00 pm (Conditional Use Hearing)

All meetings and workshops are held at the Township Building and are open to the public. The Conditional Use application is available for review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely

Mark A. Gordon

Township Zoning Officer

CC:

Board of Supervisors Planning Commission Historical Commission



Brandywine Conservancy **Environmental Management Center**



Riverside Entrance to Lecture Room RECEIVED U.S. Route 1, Chadds Ford, PA



April 7, 2011 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WE ALL LIVE - AND DRINK - DOWNSTREAM Protecting Water Supply in the Brandywine Watershed

6:30 p.m.	Refreshments
7:00 p.m.	Welcome John Theilacker, Associate Director, Municipal Assistance Program, EMC
7:05 p.m.	Introduction to Source Water Protection Wes Horner, Senior Advisor for Water Resources, EMC
7:15 p.m.	Wilmington's Source Water Protection Plan Matthew J. Miller, CHMM, Water Quality Manager, City of Wilmington
7:45 p.m.	Reforestation of Maintained Residential Open Spaces Sandy Guggenberger, Resident and Special Liaison, Knolls of Birmingham
8:05 p.m.	Restoration of Impaired Waters at the Farm: Stream Fencing, Bank Re-vegetation, Cattle Crossings John Goodall, Western Area Manager, EMC
8:30 p.m.	A Word from Victory Brewing

The Brandywine Conservancy's mission includes assuring dependable water supplies for present and future generations. Currently, the City of Wilmington, located at the bottom of the watershed, takes water from the Brandywine for 140,000 people, countless businesses, and other uses. Upstream, another 60,000 people or more in West Chester, Downingtown, and Coatesville—and points in between—also take water from the Brandywine. Thousands of groundwater wells add to the number of people dependent on the river for their water supply. How do we keep the water drinkable? How do we keep the Brandywine flowing?

The evening's discussion includes a presentation of the City of Wilmington's new Source Water Protection Plan and solutions for the watershed it defines as essential. Also featured will be reports from two successful water protection projects already in process: reforestation in Birmingham Township of open space maintained by a homeowner association at the Knolls of Birmingham and stream restoration efforts in Honey Brook and West Caln townships to keep cattle out of streams using re-vegetation, fencing, and special crossings. The evening concludes with a cameo appearance by Bill Covaleski, founder of the Victory Brewing Company, who will discuss how the Brandywine's water inspired this vibrant business. Join us!