

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Del Monte, Ginnie Newlin, Walter Wujcik, Scott Sanders, Adam Knox, Mark Kawecki and Sandra Snyder. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin; Joe Zug, Historical Commission; Bob Huebner, Park and Recreation; Don McConathy (Supervisor), and Art Jones, 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 March 9, 2011, meeting as corrected. Ginnie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Bryan reviewed dates of upcoming events and announced that the CRC/ING day on April 21 has been changed to April 28th.
- B. Bryan received an email from Jean McBride, a resident who wants to help with the bird nest boxes. Bryan spoke with her and sent information to her.
- C. Bird Boxes – Ten locations were selected at Ashbridge – Bryan saw 8 so far. Three have been installed at Applebrook, 2 along Paoli Pike and 1 at the Chamber office. Bryan feels close to 19 or 20 will finally be installed.
- D. On April 27th CRC will hold their Healthy Yard and Streams Day at Rustin High School.
- E. Hershey's Mill Dam – Neal Dereemer submitted a revised design at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 5th. He is proposing sheet piling behind the dam at a cost of \$110,000.
- F. Bryan received an email on March 24th from Serena McClain, who is with American Rivers, stating that they denied the Board of Supervisors' request for a grant to breach the dam.
- G. Bryan reported that Mark Miller met with representatives from the Natural Lands Trust and PA Environmental Council at Applebrook Park last week. Mark showed them possible sites for a meadow. There are DCNR grants available for meadows.
- H. There was no budget activity in March.
- I. Bryan met with Ruth Scadding and Ginnie on March 29th and walked the new forest area in Applebrook Park to discuss the understory plantings. Ginnie said that tomorrow at 10 am she is walking with Mark Miller to discuss the new forest area. Ginnie noticed that Mark put a large piece of wiring material on the wettest area by the new bridge and it goes down to the stream. Adam feels it may be a new type of erosion control.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. NLT – The Conservancy Board members will meet at the Chamber office parking lot on Saturday April 16th at 3 pm to walk Applebrook and East Goshen Park to discuss invasives. Bryan feels it will take about 2 hours. The NLT report had recommendations for treating invasives.
- B. Understory Plants - Ginnie reported that Jim McKenzie is going to provide an additional list of plants. Sandy asked if the understory is going to work under those trees. Bryan explained that the planting will be along the bridge and stream. There will be about 100 plants (50 with Ginnie's \$500 and 50 with Conservancy's matching of \$500). Ginnie wants to select a date for the planting and everyone has to help. Walter made a motion to match Ginnie's award of \$500 with \$500 from the Conservancy Board Budget for understory plantings at the reforested area. Adam seconded the motion. The Board selected

May 14th at 9 am to do the planting. Adam was talking to Mark Miller who said he has some fencing so the Board may not have to purchase fencing. Ginnie voiced concern that the original landscaper who installed the trees piled wood chips up around the tree trunks. It should be flat. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Bat Houses – Bryan said there is one near the new pavilion in East Goshen Park. It has been there for many years. Bryan received a response from Ann Murphy with some answers to his questions:
 - 1. Location must have at least 7 hours/day of sun and should face the southwest.
 - 2. She likes the Reservoir Road site.
 - 3. Part of the assembly and installation is painting the boxes. The roof should be black and the sides a neutral color. Sandy voiced concern about the type of paint to be used and its safety.
 - 4. Maintenance – Wasps and hornets occasionally get in the box.
 - 5. CRC may be able to assist with this project.
- D. Street Trees – Mike will follow up with Mark Miller to get a list of locations. Don mentioned that the BOS had a request from a resident to remove a large street tree on his property. The BOS denied the request.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Keep East Goshen Beautiful – Bryan and his wife helped out in the same location for the 4th year. Another couple was assigned the same location and Bryan was glad they had the help. He was surprised at the increase in litter this year.
- B. Newsletter – Ginnie will write an article on the advantages of meadows over mowing lawns.

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

- A. 1422 Paoli Pike – The Board reviewed the sketch plan.
- B. 1519 Richard Dr, Pin Oaks – The Board reviewed the plan for a new detached garage.

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

None

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that the Park & Rec Board received 2 requests. One was for a special needs swing which was approved and the other was for a port-a-potty in Applebrook Park which cost \$95/week and was not approved. Lisa O’Neil presented more information about a farmers market in the East Goshen Park. There may be a craft/art show in the fall. Bob is investigating sponsor signs for the ball fields as a source of revenue. The annual Egg Hunt is this Sat April 16 with a raindate of Sun April 17.
- B. Historic Commission – Joe reported that the Plank House will be open from May 21 to Oct 15 on Saturdays only. Appointments on Sundays for groups can be scheduled. June 4th is Living History Day from 11 am to 4 pm. The theme will be the Civil War. The 11th PA Cavalry will be there.
- C. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that they are working on responses for the RFP (Request For Proposal) for a cell tower. They set new sewer rates for next year. They approved an administrative assistant position to work for Rick Smith.
- D. 501c3 Committee – Joe reported that a representative from each ABC will be invited to their meeting on April 27. They want to get input on the needs/projects of each group. Sandy will attend for the

Conservancy Board. Ideas were street trees, phase II of the understory in the new forest area, funds for meadows and clearing serpentine rock areas.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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