

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
June 8, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Del Monte, Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin, Adam Knox, Scott Sanders, Mark Kawecki and Sandra Snyder. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin, Township Building Inspector; 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**

Scott moved to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting, as corrected. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed. Bryan abstained.

**3. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- A. Community Day Saturday June 25, 2011 starting at 4:00 pm. Bryan asked Board members to volunteer to take a time slot to be at a table in the East Goshen tent. Sandy will come at 5:00 pm (unless it is too hot). After that Ginnie and Bryan will take care of it. The Board of Supervisors wants the ABCs to encourage people to volunteer. Bryan will prepare a flyer with the Conservancy Board mission statement, goals and successful projects. He will make copies of some of the Newsletter articles and make a story board with pictures of the plantings.
- B. On Saturday morning June 25, 2011, Bryan will be helping with the Fishing Clinic at a pond in Bow Tree.
- C. Some Budget expenses were plants from Octarara, landscaping timber, equipment rental for flags, and bird houses. The Board is still on budget.
- D. The Hershey's Mill Dam has a new nickname "the wetland meadow". It has been drained. They are still looking at options. Some options are \$110,000 for construction, and \$40,000 for a spillway. \$75,000 will be needed for engineering and permit approval.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. NLT – Mike provided two large copies of a map of Applebrook Park. Ginnie thanked him for the maps. The Conservancy Board members decided to start the plan to control the invasives at Ridley Creek and Hibberd Lane on the west side of the park and work across the park over the next 5 years. Walter pointed out that when an area is cleared or treated one year, the next year it has to be maintained while the next area is worked on. Bryan repeated the points that NLT made in their report – physical removal, mowing, selective planting, herbicides, and maintenance. Bryan said that the entire fence in Applebrook is covered with Multiflora rosa and he wants to include it. Bob showed the Board where the Park & Rec Board had WEEDs do spraying last year. This needs to be maintained now. Walter will take one map and draw in the areas to be treated/cleared. Bryan will work on the list of tasks and tie it to the map.
- B. New Understory Plants – Everyone was glad Adam could use the post digger to make the holes. Mark Miller had the Township's water truck brought to the tree area yesterday so Bryan and Ginnie could water the new plants. Only 2 or 3 plants show signs of stress. Fencing was installed by the Township.
- C. Tree Ordinance – Bryan reported that the Chester County Planning Commission returned the proposed amendments with a few recommendations. Now it goes back to the East Goshen Township Planning Commission for approval with those changes. Then it goes back to CCPC for final approval. Mike said Mark Gordon feels the recommendations from the CCPC are so minute it will pass quickly.

D. Cell Tower – This has gone to the Zoning Hearing Board but the Board of Supervisors are negotiating with Liberty Towers. The Historical Commission wrote a letter opposing both the WAWA and Township property locations.

E. Bird Boxes – Bryan checked out about 17 boxes and found one blue bird. The others had tree swallows in them. The tree swallow nests are tall inside the box and made of twigs and feathers. Jean McBride, a resident, volunteered to check on the box at Reservoir Road. That also had a tree swallow in it. Willistown has volunteered to bring in a bird bander but Bryan feels it is too soon to do that.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. WEEDS Inc – Bryan reported that the quote for spraying invasives is \$80/hour and he received a Certificate of Insurance which he passed on to Rick Smith. The budget contains \$1000 for professional services. Ginnie moved to renew the contract with WEEDS Inc for applications at the Blacksmith Shop and Reservoir Road. Adam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Everyone agreed that for the NLT plan a quote from another landscaper is needed.

B. Volunteers – Bryan asked for some ideas for getting volunteers. Walter suggested a new slogan “You enjoy the Parks – help us!” Adam feels that when you see someone stop to watch, you must go talk to them and encourage them to help sometime. Sandy feels the Board doesn’t follow up with people about volunteering. A sign-up sheet should be used at all events so we have a list. Ginnie suggested writing thank you notes to those who help.

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

A. Malvern Bank Parking Lot - Mike distributed copies of a Yerkes memo which described 3 trees as healthy but, because of curbing problems they recommended removal and submittal of a revised landscape plan. The Board had a heated discussion about the lack of communication from the Township staff in a timely manner. Mike told the Board that, unfortunately, the trees have already been removed. Ginnie feels the curb could have been changed. Scott said they didn’t use the official names of the trees. Some trees can tolerate the trauma of construction. Bryan will write a letter to Mark Gordon requesting the revised plan with the replacement trees indicated on it. They need to replace 70” of tree caliper.

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS - None**

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation – Adam reported that the Board approved the Farmers Market in East Goshen Park. They are hoping to start it in July. It will be held on Thursdays from 3 to 7 pm. Bob wasn’t at the last meeting but reported that Frank Vattilano tore his Achilles tendon and is scheduled for surgery.

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary