

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES –June 8, 2011
- 3) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
 1. Community Day Feedback
 2. CB budget expenses from under story plantings
- 4) OLD BUSINESS
 1. Plan and Map for NLT Invasive plant recommendations.
 2. Trees removed at YMCA parking lot expansion at National Bank of Malvern
 3. Watering new plantings
 4. Weed's Inc. spraying
 5. Bird Nest boxes- June findings
 6. Status of Tree Ordinance
- 5) NEW BUSINESS
 1. Bryan Hutchinson and Lynd Myer are possible new volunteers
 2. Bird Nest boxes – July findings
 3. Some ideas and a question about trees in the park by Erich Meyer
 4. EGT / Applebrook Spring Houses (Invasive Plants)
 5. Pennsylvania Forestry Association membership
- 6) SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
- 7) BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
- 8) LIAISON REPORTS
- 9) PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 10) CORRESPONDENCE

Dates of Importance

July 13, 2011	Conservancy Board	7:00 pm
July 14, 2011	Farmer's Market	3:00 pm

	Historical Commission	7:00 pm
July 19, 2011	Board of Supervisors Meeting Cancelled	
July 21, 2011	Local Traffic Advisory Committee	1:00 pm
	Farmer's Market	3:00 –7:00 pm
July 26, 2011	Board of Supervisors	7:00 pm
July 28, 2011	Farmer's Market	3:00 –7:00 pm
August 2, 2011	Board of Supervisors	7:00 pm
August 3, 2011	Pension Committee	1:00 pm
	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
August 4, 2011	Farmer's Market	3:00 –7:00 pm
	Park & Recreation Board	7:00 pm
August 8, 2011	Municipal Authority	7:00 pm
August 9, 2011	Board of Supervisors	7:00 pm
August 10, 2011	Conservancy Board	7:00 pm
August 11, 2011	Farmer's Market	3:00 –7:00 pm
	Historical Commission	7:00 pm
August 3, 2011	Newsletter Article Due Date	
October 1, 2011	Newsletter Delivery Date	

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Vice Chairman Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin, Adam Knox, and Sandra Snyder. Also in attendance were Mike Merwin; Bob Huebner, Park and Recreation; Sue Carty, Planning Commission, and Erich Meyer, Resident.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ginnie moved to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting, as corrected. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. May 14 – The planting at Applebrook Park this Saturday will be rain or shine. Meet at 9 am. Bring gloves, spades and clippers. Sandy reported that CRC is lending some wading boots. Ginnie doesn't feel boots will be needed.
- B. Last week the Board of Supervisors met with the Chairmen of the ABC's asking for ideas to get more residents to volunteer.
- C. If the Hershey's Mill Dam can be declared an historic property, then the current issues will go away.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. NLT – Conservancy Board members Ginnie, Walter, Sandy and Bryan visited Applebrook Park on Sunday April 7, 2011 to review the NLT recommendations on invasive plants. Bryan wrote a report which the Board discussed.
 - * Ginnie did some research and found that the European and Black Alders are the same tree.
 - * Sandy pointed out that Public Works is mowing through to the stream in some areas, not just 2 mower widths from the path.
 - * Items regarding the 5 year plan the Board of Supervisors has requested were discussed:
 - * Cost estimates – As the plan is developed, meet with Brian O'Neil to get estimates for removal of invasives and on-going maintenance to keep them under control.
 - * Add a percentage for inflation each year
 - * List the plants that will be used to fill in the areas where the invasives were.
 - * What budget will the cost come from?
- B. Understory Plants - See Chairman's Report A.
- C. Bat Houses – No update.
- D. Bird Nest Boxes at Chester Creek – Mike reported that Public Works built 25 and installed 19.
- E. Conditional Use for 1422 Paoli Pike – Sue reported that the applicant has not submitted a plan for this property yet. They have a 60 day extension.
- F. Street Trees – Mike provided copies of Mark Miller's list showing the areas where street trees were removed and the type of tree but could not provide how many were removed. Mike believes the Township would replace the same type of tree, if they replace any. Right now it is up to the resident to replace the tree. The Conservancy Board wants to be consulted before any trees are replaced. The East Goshen Ordinance has a list of recommended street trees. Sandy feels that, in developments where the streets are named after trees, the residents will want those trees as replacements, i.e., Cherry Street will have cherry trees, Grand Oak will have oak trees, etc.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Tree Ordinance – Walter reported that Chester County gave 2 suggestions. The Board will accept one. Mark Gordon will make the necessary change.
- B. Chapter 102 Stormwater impact on riparian buffers – No report available.
- C. Cell Tower – The Board of Supervisors is having a public meeting on May 24, 2011, at 7 pm regarding possible locations for a cell tower.

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

None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

None

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Park & Recreation – Bob reported that Ruth Scadding attended the 501.c.3 meeting to give them the Board's wish list. The top item was a Community Day. The committee did not feel they would be able to raise the money by June 25th. However, the money has been raised and there will be a Community Day on June 25 starting at 4 pm with fireworks, bands, food, kids' moon bounce, etc. Volunteers are needed. Another large item is a comfort station in Applebrook Park. Mark Miller hasn't received a response on the meadows grant yet. Loretta Cohen wanted to have a Bike Fest for handicapped people in Applebrook. If there were 20 people, she would be happy. The Board approved her request for June 12, 2011. The Board of Supervisors gave approval to investigate a Farmers' Market. Lisa O'Neill is working on this for the Board.
- B. Planning Commission – See "E" under "Old Business".

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Sue mentioned that a group called 4CP, which is studying climate protection, has a presentation about the impact that climate change has on the environment. They want to know if Conservancy Boards would be interested in having an educational night. The Board thought this was a good idea. Ginnie suggested it be open to the public.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Adam 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary

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THE PENNSYLVANIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION HAS A NEW ADDRESS:

P.O. BOX 1278, MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055

BRYAN
Renew ?
Rick

TO: East Goshen Township Conservancy Board
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19355

DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
03/09/2011	Balance forward	25.00
03/10/2011	PMT	-25.00
03/10/2011	Due 03/10/2011. Annual Club or Organization Membership Dues	25.00
03/10/2011	Amount Due	25.00
	FINAL NOTICE.	AMOUNT DUE
		\$25.00

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Marc Lewis, President

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

June 14, 2011

YMCA of the Brandywine Valley
West Chester Area YMCA
Attn: Bruce Griffin, Executive Director
605 Airport Rd.
West Chester, PA 19380

Re: **T.P.N. 53-3-1.9A / Parking Lot Construction / Tree Removal**

Mr. Griffin,

As you know, at the Y's request, East Goshen Township reviewed and authorized the removal of mature trees totaling 70 inches along the northern side of the new parking lot, which is currently under construction at the above referenced property. As I communicated to Mr. Tim Ryan from the YMCA upon our approval to remove those trees; the Township requires the Y to replant a minimum of 70 inches of trees in addition to the trees and landscaping already approved as part of the land development plan for the above referenced project.

Please provide the Township with an amended Landscape Plan showing where the additional trees will be planted and the species of those trees for review and approval.

Thank you for your cooperation in addressing this issue. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

CC: Mr. Robert Adams, Esq. (Via Email)
Mr. Charles Olivo, P.E. (Via Email)
Mr. Michael Conrad, P.E., Township Engineer (Via Email)
Mr. Tim Ryan, YMCA (Via Email)
East Goshen Board of Supervisors
East Goshen Planning Commission
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June 15, 2011

East Goshen Township Conservancy Board
Attn: Bryan Del Monte, Chairman
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

Re: **T.P.N. 53-3-1.9A / Parking Lot Construction / Tree Removal**

Mr. Del Monte,

In response to your email of June 9, 2011 I offer the following:

1. May 24, 2011: The YMCA contacted me due to a concern from the site contractor about the condition of the trees and root systems.
2. The site contractor hired a tree biologist, John A. Keslick, Jr., to assess the health of the trees in the area of the north side of the new parking lot and he recommended that the hickory tree be removed.
3. May 27, 2011: I visited the site to look at the tree and found three trees that appeared to have root system damaged due to the parking lot construction from the previous development of the YMCA and were even more compromised by the new parking lot construction.
4. I directed the Township Engineer to look at the trees and to offer their professional opinion on the health of the trees.
5. May 31, 2011: I met with Mr. Tim Ryan from the Y to look at the trees and both of us agreed that there were three trees that posed safety concerns.
6. June 1, 2011: The Township Engineer sent Mr. Tom Kummer, R.L.A. to the site to inspect the trees.
7. June 2, 2011: Mr. Kummer issued a response to the Township supporting the request to remove the trees.
8. June 3, 2011: The Township staff made a decision to authorize the removal of the trees upon receipt of Mr. Kummer's opinion.
9. June 3, 2011: The Y was informed of the Township's authorization to remove the trees pursuant to the agreement that the Y will submit a revised LS plan to the Township for approval, showing the inch for inch replacement of the trees. This is consistent with what was done in similar situations during the construction at the Y.
10. June 6, 2011: The Y removed the trees

The decision to authorize the removal of these trees was not done without consideration of the options or due process; and was made ultimately for the direct safety of the patrons of the Y. With the advice of the Township Engineers office and the possibility that these trees could fall in the next storm and kill someone; we sided with caution and authorized the removal of the trees.

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In addition, the Y is going to replace the trees with 70 inches of replacement trees, when they could have; left the trees, completed the project, then removed the trees after the parking lot construction was complete, without planting a single replacement tree.

Now, new trees can be properly planted in the parking island where the trees were removed and throughout the property; which will provide extensively more screening and better aesthetics than was approved with the initial LS Plan.

I am an advocate of the Conservancy Boards' mission, however safety drove the decision making process here. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Enclosure

CC: East Goshen Board of Supervisors
East Goshen Planning Commission
East Goshen Conservancy Board



Yerkes Associates, Inc.

Consulting Engineers / Site Planners / Land Surveyors

MEMORANDUM

To: Brad Eldred
Michael Conrad, P.E. ✓

From: Tom Kummer, R.L.A.

Date: June 2, 2011

RE: National Bank of Malvern, Existing Tree Concerns

On June 1, 2011 I inspected three existing mature deciduous trees located along the property line between the YMCA (East Goshen Township) and the National Bank of Malvern property. The purpose was to ascertain viability of these trees in light of the ongoing parking lot construction on the bank property. I have included a reference plan with the subject trees labeled A, B & C.

Tree A

This tree appears to be healthy. No disease is evident at the base. Unless the proposed curb line can be amended, the supporting buttress roots on the west side will be removed weakening the structural support of the tree. From a safety standpoint this tree probably should be removed.

Tree B

This tree appears to be quite healthy. There is no base disease in evidence and additionally, there is no significant die-back at the top. As with Tree A, installing the proposed curb will greatly compromise the buttress roots and therefore, the structural integrity of the tree. A small amount of root zone has been retained on the south side. Should the landscape island be relocated adjacent to the tree there is reason to believe that the tree could survive and be structurally sound. From a safety and insurance standpoint I can recommend removal of this tree.

Tree C

This tree is located on the YMCA property immediately adjacent to the previously installed curb. The installation of this curb significantly damaged the buttress roots of the tree. Additionally, disease is evident at the base and the top exhibits widespread die-back which is indicative of a tree in remission. I recommend that this tree be removed.

Our understanding is that tree replacement is required per Township Ordinances. A revised landscape plan should be prepared to show proposed quantities, species and locations.

Please feel free to contact me should you need to discuss this matter further.

Attachment: Plan Showing Subject Trees

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

FYI

June 30, 2011

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the property at 922 N. Chester Rd. West Chester, PA 19380, (formerly McGinty's Nursery) has undergone site remediation for arsenic found in the soil as a result of environmental sampling done on the property. The PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulates these activities (Land Recycling Program).

Pursuant to Township Policy we are notifying all property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property which has undergone this remediation activity.

A report will be filed shortly with DEP and will outline the findings from the post remediation testing. The information on the "Intent to Remediate" for the property is available for review by the public at the Township Building. If you need more specific information about this remediation project contact the PA DEP at 484-250-5900.

Please give me a call at 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