

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
September 14, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Vice Chairman Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin, Mark Kawecki and Adam Knox. Also in attendance were Ruth Scadding, Bob Huebner, and Erich Meyer, all from Park & Recreation Board; Don McConathy, Township Supervisor and Sue Carty, Planning Commission.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence to remember our troops.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed but because the Board began the meeting with only 3 members present and reached a quorum when Adam arrived around 7:45, approval of the minutes was tabled until the October meeting.

3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

- A. Expenses –Walter reported that about \$2,600 remains in the 2011 budget. Ginnie suggested planting understory trees, such as white dogwoods, in the reforestation area in Applebrook. She estimated about 20 trees would be needed. Ruth Scadding would like to have a written plan so the Park & Recreation Board could discuss maintenance of the area with Mark Miller. Walter said the Board does not have the funds to have a plan drawn. After further discussion, it was decided that the Conservancy Board will stake the spots where the new trees will be planted so the Park & Rec Board can see the plan. Bob mentioned that PECO has a grant that would pay for a written plan. Erich gave Walter the information about the grant. Mark agreed that if the Conservancy Board could get a grant, it would be good to get a drawing of the area.
- B. In his written report, Bryan reported that he submitted the NLT recommendations for controlling invasive plants in Applebrook Park and the Board’s 5 year plan and costs to the Board of Supervisors at their September 6th meeting.
- C. Bryan and Mark Miller went to West Goshen to see the pond that is being treated with aeration and chemicals. Don mentioned that the Board of Supervisors feels it is too late this year to do anything like this in East Goshen ponds. Ginnie mentioned that she went to a demonstration of a paddle machine which would stir up the water to get rid of the algae. She said the contractor that did the ponds also puts islands made out of fiber mesh in the pond and put water plants in it that remove the pollutants from the water. Ruth Scadding commented that Mark Miller is going to meet with some experts from Penn State to learn about the correct process for using barley bales.
- D. Bryan and Mark Miller visited the forest restoration area to plan mowing. Mark has been trying to get a “local service due” person from Chester County to put wood chips around the trees and new understory plants but without success to date.
- E. Funds for the Applbrook invasives plan will be put in the Park & Recreation Budget. Walter explained that the plan is to remove invasives, apply herbicide, then, oversee those areas to prevent the invasives from growing back. Spraying is only on spots as needed. Don pointed out that the request for seeding is \$500/acre at 10 acres but there would not be seeding over all 10 acres. He suggested a more detailed plan showing time frames for the treatments.
- F. In Bryan’s written report he showed concern about a statement recorded in the Park & Recreation’s August 4, 2011 minutes that the Park & Recreation Board was concerned that the Conservancy Board doesn’t present plans for projects in the parks or open space. Ruth emphasized that this comment was made in relation to a past situation. She explained what the P&R Board wants for a plan. It doesn’t have to be an official drawing, but they would like something listing the area to be planted and the type of

plants. After discussion, it was agreed that the Conservancy Board will present outlines for new projects to the Park & Rec Board.

- G. After Hurricane Irene, the Public Works Department worked on stabilizing Ridley Creek in the sewer easement area north of where it intersects East Boot Road. Meadow grasses will be planted on the riparian buffer there. Irene also caused some erosion to Hershey's Mill Dam. Don mentioned that the BOS will probably approve removal of the trees on the dam. Ginnie recommended river birch instead of willow trees along the water.
- H. The CRC is holding an event about bats on Wednesday October 19 from 7-8:15 pm at the Ridley Creek State Park Mansion.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The new plantings in Applebrook still need mulching and fence maintenance. Bryan contacted Gerry Hertel about fertilizing. Ginnie reported that she met with Gerry and another scientist from West Chester University. Gerry said the borings they took of the soil beside the trees show that the trees are not native to Pennsylvania. He is going to analyze the borings and make a report on fertilizing.
- B. Meadows – Ginnie went to a resident's home to look at a "meadow". It is a large area behind the house. She thinks it looks okay
- C. Bird Nest Boxes – Bryan contacted Boy Scout troop 93 about this possible project for them.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Bryan suggested that some of the remaining 2011 budget should be used to replace 9 dead trees at the Chester Creek/Supplee Valley project. Ginnie and Adam will try to meet at 9 am on Friday to look at what died.

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 reviewed fees which were changed for programs being held in the township building. The Board met with the BOS to review TAG recommendations again. The BOS wants a 5 year plan. The Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday October 22 (rain date October 23) from 10 am to 4 pm and will include arts & crafts vendors. Bob suggested that the ABCs have a table at this event. They reviewed a social networking plan that Heidi Karpa is working on. Adam asked if the Conservancy Board can use the Park & Rec facebook page too.
- B. Municipal Authority - Walter reported that the Ridley Creek sewer plant expansion is complete, the arbitration was settled and they were able to handle the increased flow from Hurricane Irene.
- C. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that QVC is putting 4 handicapped parking spaces in their front yard along with landscaping, which is not required. The Board is waiting for the final lease agreement from Liberty Towers.
- D. Planning Commission – Sue announced that the Commission will hold a workshop on Wed. September 21 for Acero, a company planning to purchase a vacant building in the Corporate Park. They will also discuss the sign ordinance.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark 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