

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2011 7:00 PM

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Sept. 14, 2011**
- 3) **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
 1. CB 2011 budget expenses YTD - none MTD and approximately \$2600 remains.
 2. CRC Bats event on Wednesday October 19, 2011 7:00-8:15 p.m. Ridley Creek State Park, Mansion - reminder.
 3. CB member terms - MK not renewing
 4. Succession plan for replacing CB chairman and vice-chairman - nominations in November and vote in December.
- 4) **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. New understory plantings in Applebrook Park - still need mulching; also fence maintenance.
 2. Reply back from Gerry Hertel:
 - "fertilization is needed-should be done in the spring.
 - remind me in February and we will work out an application rate"
 3. Cleaning out the 17 bird nest boxes - waiting reply back from Boy Scout Troop 93.
 4. EGT ordinance on creating and maintaining Wild Flower/Meadow - update from Mark Gordon: "The Board is considering the amendment to the ordinance tonight giving them the ability to set standards via resolution for the exemptions section of the Grass and weeds ordinance. "Wildflower Meadows" is where we need standards."
 5. EGT Winter Newsletter article requested by Mark Miller for Ponds in EGT Open Spaces - volunteer for writing it.
 6. Replacing the 9 (likely more after Hurricane/TS Irene) dead trees from 2010 planting by Chester Creek in Supplee Valley open space along Reservoir Road - motion for available funds in CB 2011 Budget to cover replacement costs.
 7. Other suggestions for projects needing funds to wrap up this year.
- 5) **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Flooding of Supplee Valley open space - maintenance of cages is scheduled for morning of October 13th with help from CRC staff/volunteers.
 2. Flowering dogwoods planting - either Ginny or Adam will write a report on this project and give the details to P&R board so they can discuss with Public Works and approve it.
- 6) **SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

- 7) BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
- 8) LIAISON REPORTS
- 9) PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 10) CORRESPONDENCE

Dates of Importance

October 1, 2011	Chester County Day	10:00 am
October 1, 2011	Newsletter Delivery Date	
October 3, 2011	Park & Rec Board w/s	7:00 pm
October 4, 2011	Board of Supervisors - CU Hearing QVC	7:00 pm
October 5, 2011	Pension Committee	1:00 pm
	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
October 6, 2011	Farmer's Market	2-6 pm
	Park & Rec Board	7:00 pm
October 10, 2011	Municipal Authority	7:00 pm
October 11, 2011	Board of Supervisors - CU Hearing Acero	7:00 pm
October 12, 2011	Conservancy Board	7:00 pm
October 13, 2011	Farmer's Market	2-6 pm
	Historical Commission	7:00 pm
October 14, 2011	Fire Prevention Open House - Station 54	6:00 pm
October 22, 2011	EGT Harvest Festival (Rain date October 23)	10 – 4 pm
December 3, 2011	New York City Holiday Trip	

Winter Newsletter:

Article Submission due Date
November 2, 2011

Delivery Date
January 1, 2012

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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 Kaweck 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. **CHAIRMAN'S 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 they also put islands made out of open 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 Applebrook invasives plan will be put in the Park & Recreation Budget. Walter explained that the plan is to remove invasives, apply herbicide, then, overseed 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 tress 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 Dr. Helnik. Gerry said the borings they took of 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 the resident's home to look at the "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 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 be on facebook 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 the 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

1 11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark
2 seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was
3 adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
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5 Respectfully submitted,
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8 Ruth Kiefer
9 Recording Secretary
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

September 30, 2011

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Township has received a Zoning Hearing Board Application from QVC, Inc. QVC is requesting that the Zoning Hearing Board grant them relief from Zoning Ordinance requirements for Wall Signs for their property at 1365 Enterprise Drive, West Chester, 19380.

QVC has an existing Zoning Hearing Board Decision from 1986 related to the height of the existing wall sign on the building. QVC wishes to replace the sign with a new sign and modify the location of the sign slightly. QVC is seeking relief from the maximum size requirement (100 square feet) for a wall sign in the Business Park (BP) District (§240-22.Q(5)) in order to install a sign that is approximately 108 square feet. QVC is also seeking relief from the height requirement of wall signs (10 feet) (§240-22.N)) in order to install the wall sign at a height of 24 feet.

Pursuant to Township ordinance all property owners within 1000 feet of the property seeking Conditional Use approval, are notified of the meeting dates when the application will be discussed. The scheduled dates of the public meetings for review and potential approval of this application are as follows and are subject to change:

October 5, 2011 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop 7:00 pm, formal meeting at 7:30 pm)
(Presentation of Application)

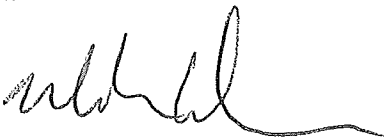
October 18, 2011 - Board of Supervisors meeting (7:00 pm)
(Presentation of Application)

November 17, 2011 – Zoning Hearing Board (7:30 pm)
(Zoning Hearing)

All meetings and workshops are held at the Township Building, are open to the public and subject to change. **The application materials are available for review during normal business hours.** If any person who wishes to attend the hearing has a disability and/or requires an auxiliary aid service or other accommodation to observe or participate in the hearing, he or she should contact the Township at 610-692-7171 to discuss how those needs may be accommodated.

Please call or email me at mgordon@eastgoshen.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer



September 7, 2011

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

In recent years, numerous municipalities, regional recreational authorities, and non-profits in southeastern Pennsylvania have undertaken a variety of open space projects. Recognizing the importance of these initiatives to preserve open land, PECO is partnering with Natural Lands Trust to provide grants to assist in these efforts. Eligible applicants include those within PECO's service area in the Philadelphia five-county region. Within the City of Philadelphia, incorporated non-profit neighborhood organizations are also eligible.

Through the Green Region program, PECO makes grants in amounts up to \$10,000. As the enclosed brochure outlines, the grants can be used with other funding sources to cover expenses such as consulting fees, trail construction, land acquisition, habitat improvement, and the cost of creating and implementing an open space plan. **Since Green Region's inception in 2004, we have awarded more than \$930,000 across the region for a wide range of open space projects, and we look forward to surpassing \$1 million in Green Region grants through this annual round!**

A committee made up of county, conservation and PECO representatives reviews proposals and awards grants each year. **The deadline for submitting funding requests is November 18, 2011.**

If you are undertaking an open space project, we hope you'll consider applying for a Green Region grant. If you know of a project in a neighboring area, please mention our program to those involved. We hope that Green Region funds will make a real difference as you work to preserve and protect farmland, watersheds, parks, and trails for this and future generations.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Holly Harper, administrator of the Green Region program, at 610-353-5587 ext. 212 or hharper@natlands.org. We hope there will be an opportunity for us to support your conservation efforts.

Jeffrey W. Gordon
Corporate Relations Manager, PECO

Holly M. Harper
Green Region Program Administrator, Natural Lands Trust

In an age when energy efficiency is helping revolutionize the way we interact with our environment, PECO is taking the lead in exploring and sharing new ideas and opportunities to reduce our impact. With access to new tools and technologies, our customers are finding the power of change is rewarding on a variety of levels. From changing over to an environmentally friendly fleet of vehicles and promoting PECO Smart Ideas (which helps our customers save energy and money) to distributing community grants to conserve and create green spaces, we're investing in projects and programs to help preserve all things green. We also educate teachers about energy and the environment so that they can transfer that learning to our youth, recycle thousands of tons of paper, metal and plastic annually, and work to maximize the energy efficiency of our daily operations. These efforts are a component of Exelon 2020: A Low-Carbon Roadmap, the comprehensive environmental strategy of PECO's parent company. Exelon 2020 sets the goal of reducing, offsetting or displacing more than 15 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year by 2020.

NATURAL LANDS TRUST

Natural Lands Trust, administrator of the Green Region program, is one of the region's largest and most comprehensive land conservation organizations and saves thousands of acres of forests, fields, streams, and wetlands each year. Since 1953, we have worked to protect landscapes in eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey by preserving and caring for natural lands, healthy habitats, and clean watersheds for the benefit of people and nature.



Natural Lands Trust



Sample projects include:

- **Developing or updating municipal open space protection plans**
(consultant fees, expenses associated with public input, such as hall rental, advertising, printing)
- **Acquisition of open space, through fee or easement**
(direct expenses such as surveys, environmental assessments, appraisals)
- **Habitat improvement within municipally-owned open space**
(consultant fees, such as landscape architects, botanists, park designers, engineers, materials and labor costs for installation)
- **Capital improvements for passive recreation**
(planning consultant fees, materials and labor costs for constructing trails, boardwalks, kiosks, observation platforms)

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In recent years, many townships and municipalities in southeastern Pennsylvania have approved open space referenda to preserve and protect...

farmland



parks and trails



and watersheds.



PECO is committed to assisting southeastern Pennsylvania's municipalities, recreational authorities, and non-profits (within the City of Philadelphia) with their on-going efforts to preserve, protect and improve open space.

Through its **GREEN REGION** program initiated in 2004, PECO has made over 100 grants totaling over \$930,000 to support open space and environmental projects throughout its service area.

GREEN REGION grants are available in amounts up to \$10,000. The grants can be used with other funding sources to cover a wide variety of planning and direct expenses associated with developing and implementing open space programs, including consulting fees, surveys, environmental assessments, habitat improvement, and capital improvements for passive recreation.



A **GREEN REGION** review committee, made up of county, conservation and PECO representatives, consider all funding proposals and make grant awards.

Program guidelines and applications can be downloaded at www.peco.com/green or www.natlands.org/greenregion.

For more information, contact Holly Harper, Green Region program administrator, at 610-353-5587 or hharper@natlands.org.

