

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
October 12, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Vice Chairman Walter Wujcik, Ginnie Newlin, Sandra Snyder and Adam Knox. Also in attendance were Bob Huebner, and Erich Meyer, from Park & Recreation Board; and Don McConathy, Township Supervisor.

**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**

Adam moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as corrected. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**3. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- A. Approximately \$2,600 remains in the 2011 Budget.
- B. The CRC Bats event on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 7:00 – 8:15 pm at the Ridley Creek State Park Mansion.
- C. Mark Kawecki has submitted his resignation effective Dec 31, 2011.
- D. Nominations for next year's Chairman/Vice Chairman will be held in November with the election in December.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The new plantings in Applebrook still need mulching and fence maintenance. Gerry Hertel indicated that the Applebrook trees should be fertilized in the spring. He will be contacted in February to work out an application plan.
- B. Meadows – An Ordinance amendment for creating and maintaining a Wild Flower Meadow was approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 4, 2011. This will give the Board of Supervisors an opportunity to use a resolution to amend the ordinance at their discretion. Walter will ask Mark Gordon to provide a copy for the Conservancy Board.
- C. Bird Nest Boxes – Bryan contacted Boy Scout troop 93 about this possible project for them. He is waiting for a response.
- D. Mark Miller asked the Conservancy Board to write an article on the East Goshen ponds for the winter Newsletter. Walter will check with Mark about the content he wants.
- E. Ginnie looked at the 9 trees along Reservoir Road that were thought to be dead, and she feels that most are alive. Some have already lost their leaves but may not be dead. She feels there are enough trees there now. She recommended that the Board postpone the decision to remove the trees. Adam agreed. A follow-up will be done in the spring. Sandy suggested that Bryan should go back and mark the trees which he feels are dead.
- F. Suggestions for planting projects:
  - 1. More understory plantings in the new forest area. The Conservancy Board approved a motion, made by Walter and seconded by Ginnie, to spend up to \$500 for dogwoods and an additional amount up to \$500 for extra expenses to do this planting. The Conservancy Board will stake out the plant locations and coordinate with the Park & Recreation Board.
  - 2. Additional plantings along Boot Road. This will be reviewed at the November meeting.
  - 3. Additional plantings in front of the Township Building.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The CRC staff/volunteers will be at the Supplee Valley open space on Thursday October 13, 2011 to perform maintenance of the tree cages and check the status of the trees. Bryan will be there.
- B. Adam received information on a possible grant for Environmental Education. This could be used for resident education and the summer camp. Frank Vattilano has asked the Conservancy Board to help him come up with ideas for projects for the summer camp program. The application is due in early 2012.
- C. PECO Grant – Ginnie will be at Natural Lands Trust on October 19<sup>th</sup> and she will try to meet with Holly Harper, administrator of PECO’s Green Region Program to discuss some ideas. In particular, the Board would like to develop a detailed plan for the new forest area and see what other options there might be. Don suggested that the Board work with Barbara Phillips on writing the grant application.

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

None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

None

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Park & Recreation – Bob reminded everyone about the Fall Festival. A Boy Scout will build 2 chin-up stations in East Goshen Park for his Eagle Scout project. The Park and Recreation Board continues to talk to the YMCA about summer camp programs.
- B. Board of Supervisors – Don updated the Conservancy Board on the status of the Liberty Towers cell tower proposal, Acero Conditional Use, and Mill Creek Dam renovation. Hershey’s Mill Dam is still being discussed. The Board of Supervisors has decided not to do sheet piling behind the dam. Board of Supervisors has taken over the task of repairing the dam.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ginnie seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Snyder  
Conservancy Board Member