

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2011 7:00 PM

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –October 12, 2011**
- 3) **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
 1. CB 2011 budget expenses YTD- None MTD and \$2253 remains
 2. Succession plan for replacing CB chairman and vice chairman-nominations in November and vote in December.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. Maintenance of cages Supplee Valley open space was done on October 13th by volunteers from Westtown School.
 2. Feedback on CRC Bats event held on Wednesday October 19, 2011 7:00-8:15 p.m. Ridley Creek State Park, Mansion.
 3. EGT Winter Newsletter article due Wednesday November 2, 2011- Ginnie volunteered to write on Bats.
 4. Flowering dogwoods planting scheduled for November 19th.
 5. Dead trees from 2010 planting by Chester Creek in Supplee Valley open space along Reservoir Road - also Nov. 19th.
 6. New understory plantings in Applebrook Park - still need mulching; also fence maintenance.
 7. Cleaning out the 17 bird nest boxes - waiting reply back from Boy Scout Troop 93.
 8. EGT ordinance on creating and maintaining Wild Flower/Meadow - “Wildflower Meadows” is where we need standards.”
 9. Other suggestions for projects needing funds to wrap up this year.
5. **New Business**
 1. Open for discussion
- 6) **SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**
- 7) **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**
- 8) **LIAISON REPORTS**
- 9) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 10) **CORRESPONDENCE**

Dates of Importance

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| Nov. 1, 2011 | Board of Supervisors – QVC (ZHB App) | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 2, 2011 | Pension Committee | 1:00 pm |
| | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 3, 2011 | Farmer’s Market | 2 – 6 pm |
| | Park & Recreation | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 8, 2011 | Municipal Election (Board of Supervisors will not meet) | |
| Nov. 9, 2011 | Conservancy Board | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 10, 2011 | Farmer’s Market | 2 – 6 pm |
| | Historical Commission | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 11, 2011 | Veteran’s Day (Offices Closed) | |
| Nov. 14, 2011 | Municipal Authority | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 15, 2011 | Park & Recreation w/s | 10:00 am |
| | Board of Supervisors – Executive Session | 7:00 pm |
| | Formal Meeting | 8:15 pm |
| Nov. 16, 2011 | Friends of EGT 501c3 | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 17, 2011 | Police Commission | 8:00 am |
| | Local Traffic Advisory Committee | 1:00 pm |
| | Farmer’s Market | 2 – 6 pm |
| | Zoning Hearing Board – QVC (ZHB Hearing) | 7:30 pm |
| Nov. 21, 2011 | Deer Committee | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 22, 2011 | Thanksgiving Holiday Market | 12 – 3 pm |
| | Board of Supervisors | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 24, 2011 | Thanksgiving (Offices Closed) | |
| Nov. 25, 2011 | Thanksgiving (Offices Closed) | |
| Nov. 28, 2011 | West Chester Area Council of Govt’s (Meeting in Thornbury Township) | 7:00 pm |
| December 3, 2011 | New York City Holiday Trip | |
| Winter News Letter | Submission Due Date – Nov. 2, 2011 | |
| | Delivery Date | Jan. 1, 2012 |

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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. **CHAIRMAN'S 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 more understory plantings in the new forest area. 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. Ginnie will work with Thom Clapper on available resources and help develop a plan for additional perennials.

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 19th 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 geotechnical information regarding sheet piling behind the dam was not successful for the Friends of the Hershey’s Mill Dam so the Township and Board of Supervisors have taken over the task.

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,

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Date: October 20, 2011
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Rick Smith, Township Manager
Re: Minutes

It has been brought to the Board of Supervisors attention that there may be some confusion about the process the various ABC's use for approving minutes.

Typically, minutes are listed as an action item on the agenda. The chairman asks if there are any corrections to the minutes. The members state the corrections. A motion is made, seconded then the members vote.

On some ABCs, members take the position that they should not vote on the minutes if they were not in attendance at the meeting. This may prevent the minutes from being approved at a meeting, which in turn results in a delay in having them posted on the Township Web Page.

However, there is nothing in Roberts Rules of Order to support this position. In fact Roberts does not specify a process for approving the minutes and it specifically notes that minutes can be approved by consensus as follows:

"The chair asks, 'Are there any corrections to the minutes?' and after corrections, the chair says, 'If there are no further corrections to the minutes, they stand approved as corrected,' or if there are no corrections, 'They stand approved as submitted.'"

Going forward the Board of Supervisors would encourage all ABC's utilize the consensus process for approving minutes.



**Please join us for an
Information Session
on the
Emerald Ash Borer**

When: November 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: West Whiteland Township Municipal Building
101 Commerce Drive, Exton, PA
Main Meeting Room, 2nd floor

The West Whiteland Township Planning Commission will be hosting Greg Hoover from the Department of Entomology at Penn State University, who is an expert on the emerald ash borer.

The emerald ash borer is an invasive beetle that feeds upon and eventually destroys ash trees. Originally from northeastern Asia, it was first found in North America in 2002 in the greater Detroit area. Since then, its range has spread dramatically and there have been confirmed sightings in Pennsylvania: it is only a matter of time until we see them here. Given the popularity of ash trees as a landscaping element in our area, the potential impact upon our environment is devastating.

Mr. Hoover will provide us with the latest information on the infestation and what our communities can do to prepare for it.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Planning Department Secretary, Ms. Claudia Wade, at 610-363-9525 or cwade@westwhiteland.org.