

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
November 9, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Del Monte, Scott Sanders, Ginnie Newlin, Sandra Snyder and Adam Knox. Also in attendance were Erich Meyer, from Park & Recreation Board; and Don McConathy, Township Supervisor.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of October 12, 2011 were reviewed. The Chairman noted that the minutes were approved as corrected.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Approximately \$2,253 remains in the 2011 Budget. This only includes YTD actual expenses.
- B. The Board members discussed election of a new Chairman. Bryan encouraged everyone to consider taking the position. Don answered Sandy's question about filling Mark's position and said the BOS has advertised and could start to interview in December. Ginnie mentioned that originally Conservancy Board members were expected to attend the regular meetings and be available the Saturday after the meeting for projects.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Bryan reported that maintenance of the cages at Supplee Valley open space was done on October 13, 2011 by volunteers from Westtown School. He passed around a copy of the letter Rick Smith sent to Ernest Schoch at Westtown School thanking the students for their help.
- B. Ginnie attended the CRC Bats seminar on October 19, 2011 at Ridley Creek State Park. She reported that the speaker was very good. You don't need a bat house if you have trees around your house. The bat house should be painted brown because bats don't like light colors. They hibernate or migrate during the winter. They are important because of the amount of insects they eat. Bryan mentioned that he saw a bat house for sale in a store which said it could hold 100 bats.
- C. Newsletter – Ginnie submitted an article for the newsletter.
- D. Planting - Ginnie reported that 20 dogwoods and 4 extra trees, worth \$500, will be delivered to the township building. The planting of the dogwoods will be Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 9:00 am at the new forest area in Applebrook. The extra trees will be planted at Supplee Valley at a later date. Ginnie and Mark Miller staked the new forest area and Ginnie notified Ruth Scadding of the Park & Rec Board. Both Adam and Bryan will not be at this planting because of prior commitments. Adam suggested contacting Public Works to see if someone would be willing to dig the holes with the Bobcat. Scott will look at the area to see if his machine can fit in between the trees. If it can, he will dig the holes. Bryan will send out an email to the Chairmen of the other ABCs to ask for help.
- E. The new understory plantings in Applebrook still need mulch and the fence needs maintenance. The widening of Paoli Pike has created an area for trees. Mark Miller is not getting cooperation from the company that planted the YMCA trees.

- F. Bryan reported that he has not received a return call from Boy Scout Troop 93 about cleaning the bird nest boxes. So, he will do it on a good weather day. It will take about 2 hours. He will send out an email to the Board members in case someone can help.
- G. Mark Gordon is working on the draft for the “Wildflower Meadows”.
- H. Suggestions for planting projects:
  1. Ginnie mentioned that when the stream in Supplee Valley was rechanneled, it was intended to overflow into 3 pond areas. The plan was for wet wild flowers to grow in these ponds, which worked for a while until the cat tails took over. She feels the cat tails should be removed to allow natural flowers to grow. Adam feels that the cat tails taking over is a natural process and shouldn’t be changed. Ginnie feels it would beautify the area.
  2. Sandy would like to fix the East Boot Road area. The last project was not successful and something needs to be done. Residents use this area. Bryan would like to make a demonstration area for the township recommended plants. The downside to this is that it would take 5 – 10 years before things would grow back. He said that right now it is mostly black walnut trees and not many plants can survive with them. Scott suggested getting conifers from nurseries who sell left over plants cheaply each Fall. Ginnie reminded the board that the BOS wants the trails visible from the road, so conifers won’t work. Bryan suggested that everyone walk this area. The board agreed that this is a good project for 2012.
  3. Don asked about the status of the street tree project. The board thought this was done. Don commented that the BOS decided that they weren’t going to fund replacement of street trees, but there may be grants available for this.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. PECO Grant – Ginnie will contact Holly Harper, administrator of PECO’s Green Region Program to find out if the Township would be eligible for a grant.
- B. Volunteers – Sandy mentioned that when the board did plantings in Applebrook, residents walking in the Park would stop and ask what we were doing. She would like to have a clipboard at the planting to get the names and emails of interested residents. Then emails could be sent out when there is a project planned. Both Don and Adam mentioned the Constant Contact that is available on the Township Website. Bryan listed all the ways that the residents are informed about what the Conservancy Board does. The board agreed to have a clipboard at the Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> planting.

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

- A. Don mentioned that Goshen Meadows has purchased the Smith property on West Chester Pike, so there may be plans to review in the near future.

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

None

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Park & Recreation – Erich mentioned that the Park & Rec Board is reviewing a proposal from the YMCA for use of the East Goshen Park.
- B. Board of Supervisors – Don reported that the BOS is waiting for the lease to come back from Liberty Towers. The BOS is considering what to do with the Hershey Mill Dam. The BOS appointed a new committee called the Community Development Committee which will work to bring businesses into the Township. The Budget for 2012 has a deficit at the end of the year of \$750,000.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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