

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Bryan Del Monte, Scott Sanders, Ginnie Newlin, Sandra Snyder, Adam Knox, Walter Wujcik, and Mark Kawecki. Also in attendance were Erich Meyer and Bob Huebner from the Park & Recreation Board.

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 Chairman noted that the minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. An invoice from Octarara in the amount of \$480 for native plants was received. The 2011 Budget was \$4900. The Board has used \$2733 leaving approximately \$2,100.
- B. On November 30, 2011, Bryan along with Ann Murphy from the CRC, visited Betty Lewis to see her native wildlife garden. It is located off of Hersheys Mill Road in East Goshen. It was started about 10 years ago by Betty Lewis. It is private but you can visit by appointment. Ginnie knows Betty and could make arrangements in the Spring for the Board to visit.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Ginnie reported that on November 19, 2011, Dogwoods and a few small flowering trees (total 25) were planted in the Applebrook reforested area. She thanked Bob Huebner and Ruth Kiefer for their help that day. She mentioned that there were some residents and members of the Park & Rec Board and the Planning Commission who came to help.
- B. Ginnie mentioned that there are still 2 cypress and 1 black gum trees to be planted. Bryan feels that they do well in wet areas, so he will plant them in Supplee Valley and Applebrook.
- C. Scott attended the seminar about the Emerald Ash Borer at West Whiteland given by Gerry Hoover. Scott said Mr. Hoover is very knowledgeable and gave them some new information. The Borer was first seen in Michigan and Ohio in 2002. They attack ash trees of any size or age. PA had a ban on bringing wood from other states but lifted it because of pressure from wood suppliers. The Borer is about 100 miles away and we should start to see it in the next 2 years. Locally it will effect individual ash trees because there aren't many forests. Signs of it are notching of the leaves, a thinned out canopy and a "D" shaped emergence hole in the tree. The Borer is about ½ inch long and gets inside the ash tree first. There are two treatments depending on the amount of ash trees being treated. The Agricultural Department uses stations (purple boxes) in trees to detect them. They saw photos of an area in Michigan which was monocultural (planted too many of the same tree) before and after borer attack. There were no ash trees left. Scott will compile the information he got so it can be used in the Newsletter.
- C. Bryan reported that the Township has applied to American Rivers for a grant to breach the Hershey's Mill Dam. The PECO grant was submitted.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Election of officers for 2012. Ginnie nominated Sandy for Chairman. She accepted the nomination. Walter seconded the nomination. The vote passed unanimously.

Bryan nominated Adam for Vice Chairman. Adam accepted the nomination. Sandy seconded the nomination. The vote passed unanimously.

- B. The Board reviewed the Accomplishments of 2011 and Goals for 2012 that will be used at the ABC annual meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2012.
- C. Ginnie suggested putting tubes around the new trees in Applebrook. Also, the wood chips need to be put down and the fence needs to be replaced. After discussion of these items, Sandy moved to allocate from the 2011 Budget, \$1,100 for the purchase of plants for Spring delivery and \$1,000 for the wood chips, fencing and tubes. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ginnie will place the order for the plants. Scott will get pricing for the tubes. Scott will check with the Work Release Center to see if they have anyone who could spread the wood chips and replace the fence. Adam will contact the Lions Club about these items too. If these don't work out, Mark Miller will be contacted to see if any of the Public Works employees would do the wood chips and fence. The Conservancy Board will pay them.

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

- A. None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

None

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Park & Recreation – Bryan mentioned that the Park & Rec Board decided not to put a restroom in Applebrook. The Conservancy Board was very glad to hear this. They had concerns about putting this near the creek.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

- 11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary