

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
January 11, 7:00 PM

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2011**
- 3) **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
 1. CB2011 Budget expenses YDT
- 4) **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. Voting for 2012 CB chairman and Vice Chairman
 2. Discuss CB Accomplishments for2011 and Goals for2012
5. **New Business**
 1. Review goals for 2012
- 6) **SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**
- 7) **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**
- 8) **LIAISON REPORTS**
- 9) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 10) **CORRESPONDENCE**

Dates of Importance

Meetings & Dates of Importance

January 3, 2012 Board of Supervisors -

Reorganization & Formal Meeting 7:00 PM

January 4, 2012 Pension Committee 1:00 PM

January 4, 2012 Planning Commission 7:00 PM

January 5, 2012 Park & Recreation 7:00 PM

January 7, 2012 Annual Planning Session 8:00 AM

January 9, 2012 Municipal Authority 7:00 PM

January 10, 2012 Board of Supervisors 7:00 PM
(as needed)

January 11, 2012 Conservancy Board 7:00 PM

January 11, 2012 Community Development Commission 7:00 PM

January 12, 2012	Historical Commission	7:00 PM
January 16, 2012	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Office Closed
January 17, 2011	Board of Supervisors	7:00 PM

Spring 2012 Newsletter:

February 1, 2012	Article Due Date
April 2, 2012	Website Posting Date

draft
**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. CHAIRMANS 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 the Betty Lewis Native Wildlife Preserve. It is located off of Green Hill 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 for the help he gave her 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 3 cypress 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 bore was first seen in Michigan and Ohio in 2002. They attack trees of any size or age. PA had a ban on bringing wood from other states but lifted it because of pressure from the wood suppliers. The bore is about 100 miles away and we should start to see it in the next 2 years. Locally it will effect individual 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. They are about ½ inch long and get inside the tree first. There are two treatments depending on the amount of trees being treated. The Agricultural Department uses stations (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. There were no 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. Bryan 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

Conservancy Board

Mission Statement

Protect and nurture East Goshen's natural resources and educate East Goshen citizens of their importance.

Accomplishments for 2011

1. Planted 100 understory plants in Spring and 24 additional dogwood and other small trees plants in Fall at reforestation area of Applebrook Park.
2. Continued working with help from Chester Ridley Crum (CRC) Watershed on maintenance of past plantings in Supple Valley open space along Chester Creek restoration area.
3. Tracked the completion of Tree Ordinance Amendments drafted by the Conservancy Board that were reviewed by the Chester County Planning Commission and approved by BOS.
4. Submitted recommendations with cost estimates, including protection of riparian buffers, to BOS on the Stewardship Assessment by Natural Lands Trust Center for Conservation Landowners.
5. Continued invasive control for Township open spaces by Blacksmith Shop and Supplee Valley.
6. Submitted four articles to Township quarterly newsletter - Rain Garden (Winter 2011), Bird Nest Boxes and Bluebirds and CRC Healthy Yards, Healthy Creeks (Spring 2011), Why Turn a Lawn into a Meadow? (Summer 2011) and Update on Trees and New Understory Plants in Applebrook Park (Fall 2011). Also, staffed table at Township Community Day.
7. Monitored the seventeen bird nest boxes installed by Public Works in Ashbridge Preserve, Applebrook Park, and Supplee Valley open space.
8. Continued working with help from West Chester University to monitor the growth and benefits of forest restoration at Applebrook Park..
9. Reviewed Township Standards for Meadows with Township Code Enforcement.

Goals for 2012

1. Increase the riparian buffer plantings throughout the Township and continue monitoring new PA state law for impacts on the Township's riparian buffer ordinance.
2. Continue control of invasive plants species in Township wetlands, while leveraging past work with the Park & Recreation and Public Works Department on reforesting, understory and meadows efforts in Applebrook Park.
3. Continue education of residents on good environmental practices through articles in the Township Newsletter.
4. Continue looking for ways to increase recycling in the Township.
5. Create environmental education for residence around storm water control, such as rain gardens and rain barrels.
6. Assist the Township with implementing grants received in support of recommendations for the Stewardship Assessment by Natural Lands Trust Center for Conservation Landowners.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY

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FYI

December 28, 2011

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that AT&T Mobility has submitted a Zoning Hearing Board application to the Township requesting relief from the Township Zoning Ordinance. AT&T is requesting to add one equipment cabinet box to the existing enclosed wireless communication facility. The Township code permits three equipment boxes and AT&T is requesting that a fourth be allowed.

No modifications are proposed to the pole or to the antennas located on the pole just an addition of one equipment box on the ground.

Pursuant to Township policy, all property owners within 1000 feet of the property are notified of conditional use applications. The public meetings projected for this project's review and potential approval are listed below and subject to change:

January 4, 2012 - Planning Commission, 7:00 pm Workshop, 7:30 PM Meeting

January 17, 2012 - Board of Supervisors, 7:00 pm

January 26, 2012 - Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 pm, **Zoning Variance Hearing**

All meetings, hearings and workshops are held at the Township Building and are open to the public. The plans are available for review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or email me at mgordon@eastgoshen.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: Debra A. Shulski, Esquire (Via Email)