

**AGENDA**  
**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**  
**March 14, 2012 7:00 PM**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 8, 2012**
- 3) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
  1. Expenditures for February 2012
  2. Review of Neighborhood University
  3. Information of BOS meetings/new information
- 4) **OLD BUSINESS**
  1. Names for reforested area in Applebrook
  2. Discuss cattails at Supplee Valley/also discuss ponds there and the overall health/condition of them
  3. Discuss fence by the reforested area in Applebrook
  4. Woodchips/Mark Miller
  5. Newsletter for Spring/posting of something to our webpage – article, etc.
  6. Attendance at any conferences – updates from board members on events they went to
  7. No PEC 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference this year
  8. Point of contact for Lion Club established – Russell Rickert – Lion Club President
5. **New Business**
  1. Adopt a Highway program
  2. Improve Walking and Biking Paths in Chester County – Two Meetings – 3/29/12
  3. Camp K9 Paradise for Paws – 1303 West Chester Pike
  4. Goose Creek Cleanup – CRC – 4/21
  5. Nova University – Bat Boxes, Wood Duck Boxes – Reservoir Road
  6. Comments submitted for Save the Honey Bees?
  7. Update on Reforested Area in Applebrook from Gerry Hertel
  8. BOS Prioritizing of CB 2012 Goals

- 6) **SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**  
None
- 7) **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**
- 8) **LIAISON REPORTS**
- 9) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 10) **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Dates of Importance**

March 12, 2012	Municipal Authority	7:00 PM
March 14, 2012	CDC	7:00 PM
March 14, 2012	Conservancy Board	7:00 PM
March 15, 2012	Police Commission	8:00 AM
March 20, 2012	Board of Supervisors	7:00 PM
March 22, 2012	Farmers Market	3-5:00 PM
March 25, 2012	Cherry Blossom Festival – Bus trip to Washington, DC	8:00 AM
March 26, 2012	Last day to register before Primary	
March 28, 2012	Friends 501c3	7:00 PM
March 31, 2012	The Egg Hunt - East Goshen Park	10:00 AM

Summer 2012 Newsletter:

May 2, 2012	Article Due Date
July 1, 2012	Website Posting Date

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**February 8, 2012**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Bryan Del Monte, Scott Sanders, Ginnie Newlin, Adam Knox, and Walter Wujcik. Others present: Erich Meyer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Sandra 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 January 11, 2012 were approved.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. The Township is holding a Neighborhood University for residents who want to learn more about the township. Last Thursday was the first session where they were introduced to the supervisors and staff. This Thursday they will learn about the ABCs, police and fire departments. Sandy will give a presentation for the Conservancy Board and asked for input from the other members:

1. Spring planting in April needs volunteers
2. Bryan will email photos to Mark Gordon
3. Tree ordinance, list of recommended plants and invasives
4. Goals for 2012
5. Conservancy Board works with the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission reviewing development plans to be sure proper plants and trees will be used.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Name for Reforested Area – Clymer is the person that the Historical Commission suggested. He lived in the area and signed the Constitution. Ginnie wants to know who originally owned Applebrook. It was suggested that she contact Ed Lendrat who does all of the property research for the Historical Commission.
- B. Newsletter – Scott has prepared the article on the Ash Tree Borer.
- C. Scott reported that his presentation at the West Goshen Township Building about the ash tree borer went very well. Sandy attended. He feels that most people don't know if they have an ash tree. The state released some insects in the middle of the state that kill the borer. If they do aerial spraying, it is non-selective and will kill the insects that kill the borer. The Borer was first discovered in Michigan and Southern Canada in 2002 so it is fairly new to the US.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Scott mentioned that when he was at the West Goshen Township building, there was another meeting being held where they were discussing the development of the Jerochian property. They are going to drill through the serpentine rock.
- B. Ginnie reported that she attended a conference on January 27, 2012 about "Wildlife in Your Backyard". It was very good. She heard about:
  1. Barn owls which will nest in meadows with other small birds
  2. Small brown bats are dying from white nose disease. This was brought from Europe where the bats are immune to this disease. Scientists are looking for a

1 cure. Because the bats are so important to farmers (they eat lots of insects),  
2 their loss will cost about \$3 billion/year.  
3 3. Bat houses are better than caves if you can lure them to the house.  
4 4. When cattails overtake a pond, they do not provide a good habitat. The 3 ponds  
5 in Supplee Valley are full of cattails. Adam feels they should be thinned out.  
6 Ginnie would like to get an opinion from someone like Bruce Foreacre. Bryan  
7 mentioned that Mark Miller has voiced concern.  
8 5. When restoring areas, leave dead trees which provide a habitat. Seeps, which  
9 are small rivulets of water, should be preserved. There are some in  
10 Applebrook. Warm and cool weather grasses should be used in a meadow  
11 because they take over at different times of the year. Ginnie has a list of  
12 grasses.

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14 C. Conferences:

- 15 1. Bryan reported that the CRC Nature Talk on February 12 is full
- 16 2. There is an EAC conference in Pottstown on March 3 & 4. Walter and Sandy  
17 are going on March 3. Bryan and Ginnie are going on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 18 3. Bryan mentioned that there is a Fresh Water Muscles training course at the  
19 Marple-Newtown High School on May 12<sup>th</sup>. These muscles can grow in  
20 creeks.
- 21 4. NPDES will hold a course all day March 21 at Villanova on permitting for  
22 riparian buffers.

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

- 25 A. None

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27 7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

- 28 A. Bryan spoke to Ben Rohrbeck about planting an American Chestnut Tree. There is a lottery  
29 where you can register for this tree and may win one. Bryan will put his name in and will speak  
30 to Ben about a location for the tree.
- 31 B. When the Board discussed Constant Contact as a way of communicating, they also discussed  
32 putting an FAQ page on the township website giving information on basic conservation topics.

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34 8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- 35 A. Board of Supervisors – Sandy reported that the board approved the agreement with Liberty  
36 Tower for the cell tower.
- 37 B. Historic Commission – Bryan reported that they are updating the signs at Historic Goshenville.  
38 They would like the Conservancy Board to take a look at the sign at the boardwalk by the Plank  
39 House. It needs to be replaced.  
40 The Conservancy Board discussed different types of signs but needs to know what the Historic  
41 Commission would like to have there. Bryan will ask.

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43 9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 44 A. Erich mentioned that the area near the new bridge in Applebrook looks bad. Bryan commented  
45 that the orange fence has been restaked. Erich pointed out that the mulch is still not done and  
46 they should check the mulch to be sure it is still good. Ginnie wondered how long the fence  
47 will be needed there.
- 48 B. Erich found out that the owner of the Chamber building in Applebrook was Garrett who owned  
49 250 acres.
- 50 C. Erich is taking a Natural Lands Trust course called “Force of Nature” and pointed out where he  
51 is in the group photo in the magazine.

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10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Sandy had a brochure about a conservation planning trailer that provides all the tools needed for conservation projects. Membership is \$60/year. This will be discussed at the March meeting.
- B. Sandy had information for the annual membership to PEC. The board agreed to pay \$50 for this membership, which does provide discounts for conferences that the board members attend.

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary