

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Bryan Del Monte, Scott Sanders, and Walter Wujcik. Others present: Erich Meyer and Sally Warren

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 February 8, 2012 were approved as corrected.

3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

- A. Sandy reported that there was \$300 in expenses for February - \$250 to CRC Watershed and \$50 for the PA Environmental Conservation dues.
- B. Sandy attended the Neighborhood University seminars that the Township held to acquaint residents with the operation of the Township, the ABCs, fire department and police department. She highly recommends that everyone attend the next time the Township holds this event.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Name for Reforested Area – Sandy will check with Ginnie to see if she found out about any other names. In the meantime, Scott made a motion to accept Clymer’s Woods as the name for the reforested area. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Ponds at Supplee Valley – Bryan mentioned that the trails in Supplee Valley don’t go near the ponds. The north pond is the one Ginnie voiced concern about. Scott commented that residents in the Township who live near ponds, have complained in the past about the condition of the ponds. He suggested that the Township start a program to maintain the ponds and partner with the Homeowners Associations to train the residents and share in the costs. Walter mentioned that the Township had a formal report done on the township ponds about 10 years ago.
- C. Fence – After discussion and referral to a catalog that Scott provided, the Board decided to authorize Mark Miller to purchase black wire fencing, 400 ft by 4 ft high, 2 x 2 inch or 2 x 4 inch openings, to replace the orange fencing currently being used in the reforested area.
- D. Wood chips – Sandy will email Mark Miller as a reminder about the wood chips that have to be put around the trees in the reforested area.
- E. Newsletter – Unfortunately, the Conservancy Board’s article did not get into the upcoming Newsletter. All of the ABC’s were encouraged to post articles on the Township website on a regular basis, so Scott will take his article to Rick Smith. The Board discussed other possible topics for articles – reforested area naming, official plant list, etc.
- F. Conferences – Bryan attended a seminar at Longwood Gardens about livable landscapes. The speaker was Jose Alminana, Andropogon Assocs., who did the landscaping at the Black Box in Applebrook. Items discussed were – protect, preserve and restore native plants (willow oaks, bald cypress etc.), water collection, and organic matter in the top 10-12” of a lawn. Bryan mentioned the serpentine barrens to him. Bryan suggested having Jose come in the fall to talk to the Board.
- G. Sandy announced that the PEC 15th Annual Conference was cancelled. Several Board members wanted to attend it.
- H. Sandy has a point of contact with the Lion’s Club. Russel Rickert is the President and has some people signed up for conservation projects, so Sandy will include him in those emails.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Adopt a Highway – Scott mentioned that he talked to Mark Miller about adopting Westtown Way, where people turn off of Route 3 and throw trash out of their cars. They found out that part of the road is State road and part is Township road. In order to be in the program, there has to be at least a 2-mile stretch in the state part of the road. Sandy commented that the State provides all the materials and picks up the bags when you're done. Sandy made a motion to get more information about adopting a highway in the Conservancy Board's name. Scott suggested that she ask the State if they will allow Westtown Way to count, even though it is part state and part township. It is safe. Bryan's only concern when selecting a road is safety and blind spots. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Sandy pointed out that the Central Chester County Bike and Pedestrian Circulation Plan will hold 2 meetings on March 29, 2012 at the West Whiteland Township Building. The times are 2-4 pm and 6-8pm with a presentation at 7:00 pm.
- C. Goose Creek Cleanup – The CRC will be holding their 7th Annual cleanup on April 21, 2012 from 9-11 am. Bryan mentioned that they have a pre-cleanup on Friday from 1-3 pm.
- D. Villanova University is going to be making bat boxes and bird houses. Ann at CRC emailed Bryan about it since we had a project using these. He hasn't had a follow-up yet.
- E. Ginnie sent an email about honey bees. Their population has declined dramatically since 2006. Bryan said he did respond.
- F. An update on the reforested area was supposed to come from Gerry Hertel. His students reported the new plantings. Bryan responded to him. They will visit the area again in the Spring. Sandy will include him on emails so he is aware of the Conservancy Board's projects.
- G. 2012 Goals – The Board of Supervisors prioritized the Board's goals for 2012 and want to know if they agree or not. Also, if a goal is added during the year, the BOS wants an updated list. The Board reviewed the list and made the following changes:
 - a. Invasives
 - b. Riparian buffer plantings
 - c. Recycling
 - d. Combine goals #4 & #5 for educating residents
 - e. NLTPublic: In answer to questions from Sally Warren, the Board uses articles in the Township Newsletter to educate residents about invasives. The Township Ordinance has lists of recommended trees and plants. The Public Works department removes invasives on Township property. They cannot go on private property or state roads to remove invasive vines from trees. Scott mentioned that there are State ordinances about planting invasives, i.e. bamboo, etc.
- H. Sandy will talk to Rick Smith about allocating an information box for the Conservancy Board in the Township Building lobby.
- I. On April 21, 2012 there will be recycling for electronics at the East Goshen Park from 10-4.
- J. Sandy asked everyone to pick a date for the Spring planting – April 28th or May 5th.
- K. The Conservancy Board's sign at the wetlands was replaced and the Historical Commission is very pleased.

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

- A. None

7. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

8. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Board of Supervisors – Sandy reported that ABC appointments have been postponed. Wireless service is now available in the township building. The BOS is planning to have an education seminar for the ABCs.
- B. Historic Commission – Bryan reported that Living History Day is Saturday June 2, 2012.
- C. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that the Municipal Authority replaced the operator of the sewer plant. The new permit is in effect as of March 1, 2012.

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