

**AGENDA**  
**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**  
**April 11, 2012 7:00 PM**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 14, 2012**
- 3) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
  1. Budget – No expenses in March 2012
  2. Lions Contact – Mark Ronayne
  3. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – Apr 14, 2012 at 8:00 am – Who can participate?
  4. Voting on a new Vice-Chair for 2012
- 4) **OLD BUSINESS**
  1. Bat Houses – Nova University
  2. Applebrook – fence / wood chips
  3. EGT – Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – Apr 14, 2012 at 8 am
  4. CRC – Goose Creek Clean up – 4/21
  5. Free Electronic Recycling Event – Apr 21, 2012 10 - 3 pm at the EGT Park
  6. Name of reforested area – “Clymer’s Woods”
- 5) **New Business**
  1. PECO – Green Region Grant
  2. Using funds from our budget – boardwalk area new trees
  3. Adopt a highway (planning commission and historical)
  4. PA State Law on Invasives
  5. Removal of Township Street Trees
- 6) **SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**  
**None**
- 7) **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**
- 8) **LIAISON REPORTS**

- 9) PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 10) CORRESPONDENCE
- 11) ADJOURNMENT

**Dates of Importance**

April 12, 2012	Historical Commission	7:00 PM
April 12, 2012	Farmer's Market	3-5:00 PM
April 14, 2012	Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day	8:30 AM
April 17, 2012	Board of Supervisors – CU Hearing for Camp K9	7:00 PM
April 19, 2012	W C Area Council of Governments – @ East Goshen Township	7:00 PM
April 24, 2012	General Primary	
April 25, 2012	Friends of East Goshen 501c3	7:00 PM
April 30, 2012	Comm Development Commission w/s	7:00 PM

**Summer 2012 Newsletter:**

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

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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 these meetings.

**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 so he isn't very concerned about the cattails. 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 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. Bryn suggested having Jose come in the fall to talk to the Board.
- G. Sandy announced that the PEC 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

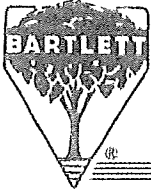
- A. Adopt a Highway – Scott mentioned that he talked to Mark Miller about adopting Westtown Way, where people turn off of Route 3 and throw trash out of their cars. They found out that part of the road is State road and part is Township road. In order to be in the program, there has to be at least a 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. NLT
- Public: 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 28<sup>th</sup> or May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 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**

- 1 8. **LIAISON REPORTS**  
2 A. Board of Supervisors – Sandy reported that ABC appointments have been postponed. Wireless  
3 service is now available in the township building. The BOS is planning to have an education  
4 seminar for the ABCs.  
5 B. Historic Commission – Bryan reported that Living History Day is Saturday June 2, 2012.  
6 C. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that the Municipal Authority replaced the operator of the  
7 sewer plant. The new permit is in effect as of March 1, 2012.  
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9 9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
10 None  
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12 10. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
13 None  
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15 11. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
16 Walter seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The  
17 meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,  
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22 Ruth Kiefer  
23 Recording Secretary  
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# BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS

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March 19, 2012

Mr. Mark S. Miller, Director of Public Works  
East Goshen Township  
1580 Paoli Pike  
West Chester, PA 19380-6199

Re: 710 Sycamore Drive, West Chester PA

Subject: Examination of American Sycamore

Mr. Miller,

Thank you for contacting Bartlett Tree Experts. In keeping with your request, the subject American Sycamore was examined during our on-site meeting of Friday, March 16th. This tree is located at the right/front property corner addressed to 710 Sycamore Drive. Several digital photographs of the tree are attached for your reference.

The American Sycamore was measured at 32.0" diameter inches at the standard 4.5' above soil grade. The canopy was estimated at 65.0' in height and 50.0' in width. The general health of this specimen is rated as average, owing to its inherent susceptibility to Anthracnose Fungus. The canopy of the American Sycamore is free of coarse dead wood, 2" diameter and larger. The main trunk has no apparent structural defects and each of the tree's buttress roots is live and without incidence of insect or disease attack.

The four (4.0") sewer lateral to 710 Sycamore Drive is scheduled for immediate replacement. This excavation will require opening a trench, 42.0" wide by 7.0' deep. The excavation will be made four (4.0') from the trunk of the American Sycamore. Anchor roots and absorptive roots will be lost on the south/west side of the trunk, representing a minimal 40% loss in live root tissue.

The thirty-six (36.0") storm sewer pipe is also due to be removed and replaced on the north/west side of the American Sycamore tree. This excavation will

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require opening a trench six (6.0') wide and seven foot six inches (7' 6") deep. This excavation will be made five (5.0') feet from the trunk. Anchor roots and absorptive roots will be lost on the north/west side of the trunk, representing a minimum 30% loss in live root tissue.

The combined seventy percent (70%) loss in live anchor roots and absorptive root tissues will render the American Sycamore immediately unstable. The tree will represent an unacceptable risk of failure to nearby homes, private lawn areas and the Sycamore Drive right-of-way, potentially endangering residents, parked and moving vehicles. This specimen is accordingly recommended for prompt removal.

The replacement of the American Sycamore tree should not be permitted above the original tree stump location. Residual tree roots will eventually decompose, leaving the site unstable for the root ball of a replacement tree. The potential for air pockets beneath the soil surface will subject the anchor and absorptive roots of the new tree to desiccation.

Thank you for the opportunity to examine this specimen and to contribute my findings and recommendations. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this determination, please do not hesitate in contacting our office at 610-594-4740.

It is a pleasure to be of assistance to you and East Goshen Township in this matter.

Sincerely,

Harvey S. Lerman, ISA Certified Arborist PD-0070  
Arborist/Representative, Exton, PA Office

Attachments: Digital photographs taken 3/16/2012 ✓

**Rick Smith**

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**From:** Karen Martynick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012 4:18 PM  
**To:** rsmith@eastgoshen.org; senya@aesfirst.com; psuthom@verizon.net  
**Subject:** follow up

Gentlemen,

I appreciate the time you took to discuss and understand the issues related to removing street trees in the township. I want to make sure I understand what is to happen from here so I will include in this email what I believe was agreed to last evening.

1. The township will develop a policy and criteria for the removal of street trees.
2. The Conservancy Board will be charged with researching ordinances in other municipalities and will make recommendations to the supervisors regarding possible changes to the existing ordinance or enactment of a new ordinance regarding street trees.
3. I will assist the Conservancy Board in conducting the research and developing the recommendations.
4. The township will notify me as to how it will accept my offer to donate two sycamore trees to replace the ones that have been lost.

If I missed something or misrepresented something, please let me know.

Thanks, again!

Karen Martynick

Rick – Will you contact the Conservancy Board to apprise them of the supervisors request? Could you please send me contact information for the chair of the Conservancy Board?















BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CHESTER COUNTY  
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

**FYI**

March 1, 2012

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Camp K-9 Paradise for Paws, LLC, has submitted a Conditional Use application to operate a Kennel / Dog Daycare Operation at 1303 West Chester Pike, formerly the Benjamin Moore Paint store. The property is located in the C-1, Community Commercial Zoning District, where kennels are permitted by conditional use pursuant to §240-14.C.(12) of the Township Zoning Ordinance.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of Conditional Use applications.

**The meeting dates and times scheduled for the review and discussion of this application are outlined below and subject to change.**

**March 7, 2012**

Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)  
**(Presentation of Application)**

**April 4, 2012**

Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, formal meeting at 7:30 pm)

**April 17, 2012**

Board of Supervisors meeting (7:00 pm) **(Conditional Use Hearing)**

The hearing will be held at the Township Administration Building, 1580 Paoli Pike, and are open to the public. The application is available for public review during normal business hours at the Township Administration Building. If any person who wishes to attend the hearing has a disability and/or requires an auxiliary aid service or other accommodation to observe or participate in the hearing, he or she should contact the Township at 610-692-7171 to discuss how those needs may be accommodated.

Please give me a call or email me at [mgordon@eastgoshen.org](mailto:mgordon@eastgoshen.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon  
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions

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**FYI**

April 2, 2012

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Mr. Anthony P. Renzi Jr., 219 Ellis Lane, West Chester, PA, 19380 has filed a Zoning Hearing Board Application requesting relief from the side yard setback requirements. Mr. Renzi proposes to build a garage on his property and is requesting 8 feet of relief from the 20 foot side yard setback requirement.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners and residents within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of Zoning Hearing Board applications.

**This application is scheduled to be discussed during the meetings outlined below and is subject to change:**

**April 4, 2012** - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)

**May 1, 2012** - Board of Supervisors meeting (7:00 pm)

**May 23, 2012** - Zoning Hearing Board (hearing @ 7:30 pm) **(Zoning Hearing)**

All meetings and hearings are held at the Township Building, are open to the public and are subject to change. The variance application is available for review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or email me at [mgordon@eastgoshen.org](mailto:mgordon@eastgoshen.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon  
Township Zoning Officer

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Raymond D. McKeeman, Zoning Officer, West Goshen Township

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1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

**FYI**

March 21, 2012

Matthew J. Burns  
901 Monte Vista Drive  
West Chester, PA 19380

RE: Conservancy Board Appointment

Dear Matthew:

I am pleased to inform you that at their meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 the Board of Supervisors appointed you to fill the term of Adam Knox on the East Goshen Township Conservancy Board. Your term will expire at the end of the year 2013, at which time you may be reappointed.

The Conservancy Board holds their formal meeting the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. You will receive a meeting agenda and supporting documents prior to the meetings.

We look forward to working with you. If we can ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

*Rick Smith*  
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Louis F. Smith, Jr.  
Township Manager

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Cc: Conservancy Board

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