

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
April 11, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Matthew Burns, Bryan Del Monte, Ginnie Newlin, Scott Sanders, and Walter Wujcik. Others present: Erich Meyer and Sally Warren

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sandra called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Chairman noted that the minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- A. Sandy welcomed Matthew Burns who is a new Board member. Matthew said he grew up in East Goshen and has Civil/Environmental Engineering degree from Temple. He wanted to get involved in the township and the Board of Supervisors recommended the Conservancy Board.
- B. There were no expenses for March.
- C. Mark Ronayne of the Lion's Club will be the liaison to the Conservancy Board.
- D. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day is this Saturday April 14 at 8:30 am. Sandy, Bryan and Ginnie plan to participate.
- E. Adam Knox has been appointed to the Planning Commission so the position of Vice Chairman is open. Bryan nominated Scott who accepted the nomination. Walter seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Bat Houses – Bryan reported that Villanova University donated 2 bat houses. They are dark blue and are for small bats. Erich pointed out that they need sun so they don't like to be in trees. The houses should be put on a high pole out in an open field. Bryan will contact Mark Miller to install them in Supplee Valley. Scott suggested installing a plaque that recognizes the donation by Villanova and tells why bats are important. Bryan will write a draft.  
Public Comment: In answer to Sally Warren's questions, the bat houses hold up to 35 bats. At specialty stores they can cost \$50 – 75. Bryan is not aware of any cleaning needs since the bottom of the bat house is open.
- B. Applebrook Fence – Everyone agreed that the new black fence looks great. The cost came out of the Public Works budget. Sandy feels the height is good and will keep the deer out. The wood chips will be done when the summer employees start work. Ginnie will email instructions to Mark Miller about laying the wood chips.
- C. East Boot Road Planting - The Board discussed the plan to do this planting April 28 or 29. Ginnie feels more time and planning needs to be done. About 10 years ago, McGinty's did a planting of small trees and bushes which almost died. They didn't get good care, they were hit by mowers, and no soil analysis was done. There is a grove of black walnut trees there. She feels the area needs 10 good size trees. Scott will provide a list of trees that are effected by the black walnuts. Ginnie suggested other areas for plantings.  
It was decided that those Board members who will be at the Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day will come back to the Township building at 11:30 am and go to Supplee Valley for a site walk.

- D. CRC will hold a stream clean up day on Saturday April 21 to clean up Goose Creek behind the Kmart in West Goshen. Sandy will forward the email she received about it. Bryan said they have a pre-clean up on Thursday 4/19.
- E. Newsletter – Scott submitted an article about the Emerald Ash Borer for the next Newsletter. Sandy resubmitted the article on riparian buffers which was put on the website.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. PECO Grant - Thom Clapper sent Sandy information about a PECO grant to replace street trees. Scott explained that in the past, PECO wanted the trees planted under their power lines.
- B. Boardwalk - Sandy would like to do a site walk with Mark Miller to identify any dead trees around the Boardwalk. Ginnie feels this was meant to be a natural area, not lined with trees.
- C. Street Trees – Bryan received a call from Betty Lewis. She wants vines removed from street trees along Hershey Mill Road north of Green Hill Road. Bryan feels she should contact East Whiteland for the trees that are not in East Goshen. Scott mentioned that an inexpensive way to get rid of them is to sever them near the ground and apply herbicide, which will go into the roots
- D. Delvacchio Landscape has volunteered to landscape the park entrance and the Township Building flower beds. The Board of Supervisors wants to have a ceremony at the park to thank him. It may be 4/21 or 4/22. Details will follow.
- E. Removal of Street Trees – The Township is replacing sewer pipes in Grand Oak Development. A letter was received from Karen Martynick about the trees that were removed immediately after the work was done. Scott explained that Mark Miller asked him to help him investigate whether a tree should come down or not. The problem is that originally the trees were planted on top of the sewer line and the roots on both sides are impacted which means the tree will probably die and fall creating damage and possible injuries. Sandy will write a letter to Karen and explain that Scott is working with the Township. He also recommends that the replacements should be diverse and not all sycamore trees.

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

- A. None

**BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

- A. Ginnie would like to have a pond expert evaluate all of the Township ponds and make recommendations for cleaning out invasives and restoring the ponds.
- B. A report from Gerry Hertel was reviewed. Ginnie explained that a year ago he pruned some of the trees in the reforested area and they are not growing back. Sandy feels he and his students can monitor the area but the Township will maintain the area.
- C. Ginnie wants the Conservancy Board to walk all open spaces in the township.
- D. Invasives – The landowner has to control the invasives on his property. Sandy found a list under the “Weeds Ordinance” but couldn’t find a list of recommended trees. Walter doesn’t think it is in the Ordinance. It’s a separate list.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Board of Supervisors – No report.
- B. Historic Commission – Bryan reported that Living History Day is Saturday June 2, 2012. At their meeting the Commission discussed signs, lighting and tobacco plants.
- C. Municipal Authority – No report
- D. Planning Commission – Ginnie reported that they reviewed the application for the K9 Camp and the Renzi property.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**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