

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
May 9, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 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: Jon Altshul, Township CFO, 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 April 11, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. New CFO – Jon Altshul, the new CFO for East Goshen Township, introduced himself and gave a summary of his background. He explained the Budget Report first page is a summary and the second page gives detail. Sandy commented that the Board would like to see more detail. Right now the purchase of plants goes into the same category as the cost for spraying. Jon said a year-to-date report can be provided instead of a monthly report.
- B. Expenses - There was an expense of \$80 which was listed for a bench. Sandy will check to see if this is for the new sign. Mark Miller had to buy some more colored flags for marking the plants so there may be a charge for flags next month. Sandy will talk to Mark Miller about replacing the sign at Supplee Valley.
- C. Planting – Sandy thanked everyone who helped with the planting at Supplee Valley. She and Ginnie finished the work on Sunday afternoon. There are 6 plants left to be planted.
- D. Newsletter – The article on the Emerald Ash tree borer was submitted. Scott is writing an article on the Asian Long Horn Beetle. He will forward it to Sandy.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Living History Day - Sandy will be helping out and encouraged others to help especially at the Boardwalk.
- B. Boardwalk - Sandy feels the Board should go on a site walk with Mark Miller. She wants to start working on a plan for a fall planting. Ginnie mentioned that the callary pears (which are invasives) should be cut down and the multi flora rosa removed. When these are removed she would like to see the area and decide what to do. Everyone decided on a weekday at 5:30 or 6:00 pm. on May 15, 18, 22, or 23. Sandy will check with Mark Miller.
- C. Adopt a Highway – Sandy is still waiting for information.
- D. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – Sandy and Bryan worked on Line Rd, both sides of the road and Ginnie did East Boot Road.
- E. Cattails – Sandy and Bryan took a closer look at the cattails in the pond at Supplee Valley. She will take some photos for the next meeting. Ginnie mentioned that Bruce Foreacre works at Hershey Mill, is a graduate of Longwood and could come to a meeting to discuss ponds and vegetation. Bryan mentioned that Mark Miller has some contacts for ponds too. Bryan is concerned about the birds that live there. He would want a gradual removal of the cattails. Scott feels a plan should be in place so plants will be planted right away.
- F. NLT recommendations – Sandy will check with Rick Smith to see if a grant was ever submitted for control of invasives.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Community Day will be Saturday, June 23, 2012 starting at 5:00 pm. Last year Bryan had 50 handouts, but he had to mingle in the crowd to give them out. Ideas discussed for handouts for this year included: the Emerald Ash Tree Borer information sheet, list of invasives, recommended tree and plant list, articles from the Newsletter, the Board's goals and objectives for 2012. Scott suggested putting a star on one of the handouts and announcing that whoever has the star, wins a plant. Bryan will contact Del Vacchio to see if they will donate a plant. Bryan will bring the bat box and an article about it. Sandy would like everyone to work in shifts from 5 pm to dusk. Sandy will get a shirt for Matthew.

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

- A. None

**BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS**

- A. Bryan mentioned that this Saturday, May 12, from 9-11 am there will be fresh water muscles identification at Ridley Creek State Park. Bring your waders.
- B. Ginnie mentioned that 2-3 trees in the reforested area are either blooming late or dying. The area should also be checked for deer damage.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. Board of Supervisors – No report.
- B. Historic Commission – Bryan reported that Living History Day is Saturday June 2, 2012. The new signs are installed at the Historic Area.
- C. Municipal Authority – No report
- D. Planning Commission – Ginnie reported that they reviewed the application for Mars Drinks. They are expanding their building and want to get it LEED certified.
- E. Park & Recreation – Erich mentioned that there will be a meet and greet for the new Board members on May 22.

**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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary