

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
June 13, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Vice Chairman Scott Sanders, Bryan Del Monte, and Ginnie Newlin. Others present: Erich Meyer, Park & Rec Commission and the following residents:

Michele Truitt, 1430 Grand Oak Lane
Darren and Colleen Golden, 1411 Linden Lane
Christa and Timothy Seeger, 1401 Grand Oak Lane
Christina and John Vagnozzi, 1408 Linden Lane

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Vice Chairman noted that the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

- A. Expense – The \$80.72 for a bench that was charged to the Conservancy Board was a mistake and has been corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cattails – Ginnie contacted Bruce Foreacre about looking at the ponds. She hasn't heard back from him yet.
- B. Community Day – Saturday June 23, 2012 Bryan will be helping at the Hi-Strike game from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. He will check to see if Sandy is going to be able to sit at the ABC tent before he tries to get a plant donated for a raffle.
- C. East Boot Road – Ginnie asked Del Vacchio Nursery to donate some dogwood trees. She will contact Main Line and Octararo too. She wants to find someone who will plant the trees as well as donate them.
- D. Newsletter – Scott's article was submitted for the summer newsletter. He can write an article on the Asian Beetle for the fall. Ginnie also volunteered to write an article on how to plant a tree.
- E. Wood Chips – The wood chips still have to be put around the new trees in Applebrook. Michele Truitt suggested they contact the local boy scout troop.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 1410 Linden Lane – John Vagnozzi explained that the person who owns the lot next to him wants to sell it. In order to sell it, he has to get variances because it is in a flood plain. It is John's understanding that the owner wants to fill the lot with dirt. John stated that this area can flood to waist depth over the road and into other lots that aren't developed. The residents are concerned that filling this lot will raise the levels of flooding in the area. John has maintained this other lot since he moved there. John passed out photos of before and after flooding which the Board reviewed with the residents. Christa Seeger, who lives across the street, stated that they tried to build a deck on their house and the township denied it because they are in a flood plain. Ginnie explained the process the owner of the lot will have to go through in order to get approval. John is aware that the owner has filled in land in other municipalities. The residents made this presentation so the Board would be aware of the situation. John left documentation for the other Board members to review. Scott thanked them for coming to the meeting.

- B. Bald Cypress – Ginnie feels it is a tree that likes a wetland but she is not in favor of putting it at the Blacksmith Shop. She asked Scott and Bryan to mark the location where they want to put it. Bryan reported that the one he planted in Applebrook is doing very well but the one in Supplee Valley isn't doing as well.
- C. Goshen Meadows – Bryan is concerned that the plan for building additional apartment buildings at Goshen Meadows will require the removal of 81 trees! Ginnie reported that at the Planning Commission meeting when this was discussed, she told them that the Conservancy Board previously looked at these trees and feels there may be some historic trees there. Bryan pointed out that another concern is that Building G was previously granted approval to be within 50 feet of a riparian buffer. That requirement has been increased.
- D. American Chestnut Tree – Scott and Bryan looked at some American Chestnut Tree seedlings that sprouted on a resident's property. Bryan ordered some seeds from the American Chestnut Cooperators Foundation in VA. He has to give them a report on his progress.
- E. Bryan reported that he did find fresh water mussels at the Ridley Chester Crum Creek event. He volunteered to go to a walk of Crum Creek tomorrow in Willistown.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT/LANDSCAPE PLAN REVIEW

- A. None

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/COMMENTS

- A. Ginnie mentioned that she attended a Storm Water Basin Naturalization seminar at White Horse. In one area they used hybrid bushes. It was very interesting.

LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Board of Supervisors – No report.
- B. Historic Commission – Bryan reported that Living History Day was a huge success. The weather was nice and about 500 people attended.
- C. Municipal Authority – No report
- D. Planning Commission – Ginnie reported that there were no representatives from Mars or Goshen Meadows at the last meeting.
- E. Park & Recreation – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Bryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ginnie seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary