

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Vice-Chairman Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin, Walter Wujcik, William Coffey. Others present: Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor; Jon Altshul, Township CFO; and Erich Meyer, Park & Rec Commission.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sandy 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 June 13, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Introduction of New CB member – William “Bill” Coffey
- B. Resignation of CB member Matthew Burns
- C. The lack of attendance at CB meetings and at CB & township events was discussed. The CB monthly meetings are mandatory for CB members.  
The Saturday after all meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month) starting at 9am all CB members need to leave this date available for CB walks and plantings.
- C. Budget Report – Jon Altshul – gave the board a budget update and explained how the goals for 2013 need to be linked with budget requests.
  1. All budget requests for 2013 goals will be discussed and given to Jon after the August CB meeting.
  2. The deadline for list of goals and budget requests is August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- D. Sandy will send a request to Rick Smith / BOS to have the reforested area in Applebrook officially renamed Clymer Woods – after George Clymer.
- E. Sandy will send an email to Rick Smith about the need for recycling bins in the offices and meeting rooms at the township building. Also, the ones that are in place need to be properly labeled to show the allowance of plastics and aluminum.
- F. Sandy asked someone to help write the Fall 2012 EGT newsletter article which will be due for submission on 8/1/12.
  1. Ginnie offered to write an article on Recycling. Ginnie will forward the article to Sandy for photo attachments prior to the 8/1/12 deadline and Sandy will forward on to the township for proper posting.

**AREAS OF CONCERN**

- A. Sandy discussed sending out Thank You notes on CB letterhead to any and all residents who contact the CB for any reason, letting them know that their concerns were received and that the CB is thankful to the residents for bringing it to their attention. Ginnie also mentioned that the CB should send out Thank You notes / letters to anyone (resident or not) who volunteers with CB events and plantings.

## **LIASONS**

- A. Sandy Went over the CB list of Liasons –
  - 1.Ginnie – Planning Commission
  - 2.Sandy – BOS
  - 3.Bryan – Historical
  - 4.Bill – Park & Rec
  - 5. Walter – Municipal / Sewer Authority
  - 6.Scott – vacant
- B. Members from other ABCs who are the liaison for the Conservancy Board:
  - 1. BOS = Carmen Battavio
  - 2. Planning Commission - ?
  - 3. Park & Rec = Erich Meyer / Betsy Williams
  - 4. Historical Commission = Judy Schafer
  - 5. Sewer Authority

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Mark Miller was given permission to mow around the trees in the newly reforested area in Applebrook Park (Clymer's Woods). After mowing, he will lay the wood chips down.
- B. Sandy collected phone numbers and email addresses from all CB members and will email out the phone/email list to all board members and Carmen.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. East Boot Road – All board members like the way the area looks now that Mark Miller and his crew removed all dead trees and invasive plants and cleaned up the entire area. The CB will revisit planting this site at a later time, maybe when the soil sample results come back from Penn State University.
- B. Sandy will contact Brian O'Neil with Weeds and have a new quote faxed over to Rick Smith so that the quote can be approved and Brian w/Weeds can begin spraying the designated areas for invasives. The CB members will forward Brian any other areas of concern that differ from the normal areas he has sprayed from year to year.

## **SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

- A. There has been approval for 64 EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Units) in Goshen Meadows for the proposed development. The CB board will walk the site in the upcoming month with the people at Goshen Meadows to review the site plan. Several very old trees will be heavily affected by this development.

## **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:**

- A. Ginnie – Ginnie did a mussel walk in Crum Creek and found some signs but not many that mussels were actively present in the creek. There will be more mussel events. They want to see if mussels would benefit from being in the Ridley and Chester Creeks.
- B. Bruce Foreacre responded to Ginnie about the ponds. Angie (who works with Bruce) will come out and look at the condition of the ponds on Reservoir Road. They will follow up with the CB to see what the next step should be to help restore the health of the ponds on Reservoir Road.

## LIAISON REPORTS

- A. **Walter** – Sewer Authority report – The Lockwood Plant closed and the township began backfilling the ponds. They have stopped treating and the facility has been drained. The area will be going back to the residents of Lockwood Chase as open space. The sewage will be diverted to Ridley Creek Treatment plant. A new plan is in the works for Marydell Reserve and Hershey Mill Estates (which currently flow to West Goshen’s plant), to divert one of the two developments into East Goshen’s Ridley Creek Treatment plant. The open house date for the Ridley Creek Treatment Plant is still undecided.
- A. **Erich – P&Rec** – Community Day was a huge success, around 5500 people attended the event both residents and non-residents. There were some minor issues with long lines for food, which P&R will attempt to remedy before the event next year.
- B. **BOS / Carmen Battavio** – The budgeting process is fully underway for 2013. The biggest issue currently before the BOS is the Police Contract. Thornbury turned down the contract the BOS offered, which included an indemnification clause and would have taken them through the end of 2013.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Snyder  
Chairman