

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
September 12, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Vice-Chairman Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin, Bryan DelMonte, William Coffey and Walter Wujick. Others present: Betsy Williams and Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission; and Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Scott Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Vice Chairman noted that the minutes of the August 8, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Sign at Clymer's Woods – Ginnie mentioned that, when she was checking the new sign, Mark Miller was there and asked her to write something to put in the sign. She provided a script for the Board members to review. A few changes were made. Ginnie will get something about Mr. Clymer from the Historic Commission to put in the sign.
- B. Wood Chips – A lot has been done in the Clymer's Woods area. Ginnie reported that there are some dead bushes along the road. Several of the dogwoods have died. The deer are starting to eat them. She recommends getting tubes for the trees. Bryan feels the trees could be trimmed so the tubes will fit. A decision was tabled until next month.
- C. Newsletter article on the East Goshen Bald Eagles was submitted by Linda Hicks. Scott will submit an article that can be used in any of the newsletters.
- D. Website articles – The articles on riparian buffers and vegetation management should remain on the website. Everyone agreed that a list of approved trees/plants should be added on the website.
- E. The Weeds Inc contract was renewed and signed by Rick Smith. Sandy will get a price from Brian at Weeds to thin the alders at the Blacksmith Shop.
- G. Pond health – Ginnie reported that Bruce Foreacre and Angie are interested. Fall is the time to do an inspection. She explained that they won't remove all of the cattails. They will thin them out and control them. Scott feels another expert should be contacted. Bryan mentioned that Mark Miller knows someone who can do work on the ponds. Bryan will contact Mark to see if he has been in touch with them yet.
- H. The soil sample results report for East Boot Road was discussed. It shows that the soil needs phosphate with a supplemental nitrogen and potassium. Ginnie feels a plan with trees, etc. should be made before any fertilization is done. Bryan feels it should be done now and fall is a good time to fertilize. Scott will do some research. A decision was tabled until next month.
- I. Supplee Valley – Bryan and Scott feel that cages around the trees would be better in this wet area. The Board will take a site walk. No date was selected.

## **LIASONS REPORTS**

- A. Board of Supervisors – Carmen reported that they are still working on the police contract.
- B. Park & Recreation Commission – Betsy reported that the Conservancy Board wants the Park & Rec Commission to share the cost of putting more recycle bins in the park. The PRC is open to the idea. Erich reported that the BOS will present certificates of appreciation at their next meeting to several past Park Board members.
- C. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that there will be an open house and tour of the Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant on Sat. Oct. 20, 2012 from 10:00 am to noon.
- D. Historical Commission – Bryan has a conflict and won't be able to attend these meetings. There will be a reenactment at the Brandywine State Park in Delaware on Sat. 9/15.

## **ANY OTHER MATTER**

- A. Ginnie talked to Mark Miller when they were both at Clymer's Woods about mowing in this area. Mark said it was very hard to cut around the trees. Ginnie feels the problem is the use of mowers which can't cut meadow grass. Erich mentioned that a bushhog mower should work. He will mention it to Mark Miller.
- B. Ginnie is concerned about the clear cutting and spraying of the strip of land at Hershey's Mill along Rt. 352. Carmen explained that Rt. 352 is a state road and the township has no control. He also doesn't like the way it looks.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Todd Jones, resident, suggested that the township look at the trash/recycle bins at the WAWA. Also, he asked about the mowing concerns. Ginnie explained that the Township wants to mow at least once per year. Carmen commented that the Clymer's Woods area is seen as the "door" to East Goshen Township and it needs to be maintained and mowing is part of that. Todd disagrees with the mowing. Ginnie feels the understory has to grow. Bryan pointed out that it won't grow more than 3 feet. Scott suggested that a letter be written to the Board of Supervisors recommending the height and times to mow. Erich feels some research should be included.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Walter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary