

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
October 10, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Vice-Chairman Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin, and Walter Wujick. Others present: Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sandy Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember our troops.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Chairman noted that the minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Sandy noted that a bill for \$400 was received from Weeds Inc and shows on the expenditures report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Ponds – Ginnie reported that she met with Angie and showed her the ponds that are choked with cattails. She will send a bid to do the work. Ginnie feels that one pond at a time should be done. Sandy mentioned the name of the company that treats the ponds in East and West Goshen is Aqua Scapes.

B. Bat House – Sandy mentioned that she still has the bat house which was donated by Villanova Engineering Dept. Erich emailed information to Sandy about how to select a place to put it.

C. ABC Training – Ginnie, Scott & Walter attended the ABC Training meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Ginnie spoke about a few things that were discussed:

1. The ABCs are not required to have a meeting every month.
2. They reviewed the process of handling a board member who is not active.
3. ABC members will serve only 2 terms. This could be a problem since the Conservancy

Board doesn't have all 7 positions filled now and Ginnie, Walter and Scott's terms end this year.

D. Mowing – Mowing in Clymer's Woods was discussed. Sandy reminded everyone that this was supposed to be a reforested area with nice understory. That has changed since the walk was install and the BOS wants it mowed. Ginnie feels it is a woodland. Scott pointed out that as the tree canopies grow, less sunlight will get through so the grass won't grow as much. Erich explained that Public Works doesn't have the equipment to cut through very tall, thick grass and make the turns around the trees. He has a small tractor with a 5 foot bush hog behind it that would be able to cut this. He suggested a compromise of 1 to 1 1/2 feet tall. Also grass clippings piled around the tree trunks is bad for the trees.

Sandy will talk to Mark Miller about a compromise of 3-4 cuttings per year.

- E. Clymer's Woods – Sandy mentioned that she saw about 8 trees that are dead. It looked like deer damaged them by rubbing the bark off. The Board decided to have the dead trees removed. Scott suggested contacting local nurseries to see if they would donate trees left unsold at the end of the year. Ginnie forwarded to Mark Miller a written description of the Clymer's Woods project and a history of who Clymer was.
- F. East Boot Road - Ginnie feels this area should be fertilized before any new trees are planted. Scott will donate a slow release fertilizer for Mark Miller to apply to the young trees in this area. Ginnie also mentioned that there are small black walnut trees growing across the path into the wetlands. Mark Miller should mow that area.
- G. Easements – Unfortunately some trees were planted on the Township sewer easement in Supplee Valley. Mark Miller notified the Board members that these easements must be kept mowed. In the future the Board will check to see if there are any easements in the area they want to plant. Ginnie feels the board needs to be more aware of these situations and occasionally walk the open spaces.
- H. Plantings – Scott mentioned that he and Bryan will donate a swamp cypress tree to be planted at the boardwalk. Sandy commented that there is about \$3,600 left in the 2012 budget. Ginnie pointed out that in the past an order for trees was placed in the fall for the next year's spring planting. Scott would like to buy some substantial trees and plant them where the residents can enjoy them. He feels they should be planted in the fall not in the Spring, because a Spring planting doesn't give the tree time to establish its roots before the heat and dryness of the summer. Ginnie pointed out that Morris Arboretum did a study of the boardwalk area and determined that it is a wet meadow, so no trees should be allowed to grow there. Some larger trees could be put along East Boot Rd but they have to be able to grow with black walnut trees. Ginnie suggested 5 dogwood trees. Sandy will email the list of trees to the board members so they can select other trees. She will talk to Mark Miller about caging the new trees.
- I. Supplee Valley – Ginnie feels the trees just planted should be caged. Sandy will check with Mark Miller to see if they have any materials for tubing or caging. Erich suggested making a ring of fencing around them, not tubing. Ginnie suggested putting fencing on 2 sides of the trees and bushes. It would be easier to install than individual cages. Sandy will email dates to everyone for a site walk.

## **LIASONS REPORTS**

- A. Board of Supervisors – The new police contract was approved.
- B. Park & Recreation Commission – Erich reminded everyone that the Pumpkin Festival is this Saturday, October 13, from 10 am to 1 pm. There will be free pumpkins for the kids, hayrides, face painting, games and music.
- 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.

## **ANY OTHER MATTER**

- A. PEC is having a wine tasting on Nov. 29, 2012 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing. Cost is \$40.

**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