

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 10, 2012
3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
4. OLD BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSINESS
To be determined
6. SUB DIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
8. LIAISON REPORTS
9. PUBLIC COMMENTS
10. CORRESPONDENCE
11. ADJOURNMENT

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Nov 12, 2012	Office Closed for Veterans’ Day	
Nov 13, 2012	Board of Supervisors	7:00 PM
Nov 14, 2012	Conservancy Board	7:00 PM
Nov 19, 2012	Deer Committee	7:00 PM
Nov 19, 2012	Commerce Dev Commission	7:00 PM
Nov 20, 2012	Board of Supervisors	7:00 PM
Nov 22, 2012	Thanksgiving	
	Office Closed Nov 22 & 23	

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19. Adjournment

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CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
October 10 12, 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 1st. 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 the waste that is left behind is bad for the trees. The Board will present a compromise of 3-4 cuttings per year. Sandy will talk to Mark Miller.

1 E. Clymer's Woods – Sandy mentioned that she saw about 8 trees that are dead. It looked like
2 deer damaged them by rubbing the bark off. The Board decided to have the dead trees removed. Scott
3 suggested contacting local nurseries to see if they would donate trees left unsold at the end of the year.
4 Ginnie forwarded to Mark Miller a written description of the Clymer's Woods project and a
5 history of who Clymer was.

6 F. East Boot Road - Ginnie feels this area should be fertilized before any new trees are planted.
7 Scott will donate a slow release fertilizer for Mark Miller to spread in this area. Ginnie also mentioned
8 that there are small trees growing across the street. Mark Miller should mow that area.

9 G. Easements – Unfortunately some trees were planted on the Township sewer easement in
10 Suplee Valley. Mark Miller notified the Board members that these easements must be kept mowed. In
11 the future the Board will check to see if there are any easements in the area they want to plant. Ginnie
12 feels the board needs to be more aware of these situations and occasionally walk the open spaces.

13 H. Plantings – Scott mentioned that he and Bryan will donate a swamp cypress tree to be planted at
14 the boardwalk. Sandy commented that there is about \$3,600 left in the 2012 budget. Ginnie pointed out
15 that in the past an order for trees was placed in the fall for the next year's spring planting. Scott would
16 like to buy some substantial trees and plant them where the residents can enjoy them. He feels they
17 should be planted in the fall not in the spring, because it doesn't give the tree time to establish its roots
18 before the heat and dryness of the summer. Ginnie pointed out that Morris Arboretum did a study of the
19 boardwalk area and determined that it is a wetland so no trees should be planted there. Some larger
20 trees could be put along East Boot Rd but they have to be able to grow with black walnut trees. Ginnie
21 suggested 5 dogwood trees. Sandy will email the list of trees to the board members so they can select
22 other trees. She will talk to Mark Miller about caging the new trees.

23 I. Suplee Valley – Ginnie feels the trees just planted should be caged. Sandy will check with
24 Mark Miller to see if they have any materials for tubing or caging. Erich suggested making a ring of
25 fencing around them, not tubing. Ginnie suggested putting fencing on 2 sides of the trees and bushes. It
26 would be easier to install than individual cages. Sandy will email dates to everyone for a site walk.

27 28 **LIASONS REPORTS**

29 A. Board of Supervisors – The new police contract was approved.

30 B. Park & Recreation Commission – Erich reminded everyone that the Pumpkin Festival is this
31 Saturday, October 13, from 10 am to 1 pm. There will be free pumpkins for the kids, hayrides, face
32 painting, games and music.

33 C. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that there will be an open house and tour of the Ridley
34 Creek Sewer Treatment Plant on Sat. Oct. 20, 2012 from 10:00 am to noon.

35 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

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

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39 **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter
40 seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was
41 adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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43 Respectfully submitted,

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45 Ruth Kiefer
46 Recording Secretary