

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Vice-Chairman Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin, Bryan DelMonte and William Coffey. 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 October 10, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Sandy reported that there is about \$2,800.00 left in the 2012 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Supplee Valley East – Sandy mentioned that after the site walk, she spoke with Walter, who couldn't be there, and she feels he supports efforts to protect the new trees. This is a wetland that is prone to flooding. The Board members need to decide on tubes or caging. Bill did some research and reported that metal fence with a plastic coating, 4-5 ft. tall with 1" octagons would cost \$225 for a 100 foot roll plus \$95 for stakes. This would provide 4 feet of wire per tree and take care of about 33 trees. Bryan commented that the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Conservation (CRC) uses 7 foot lengths, depending on the size of the tree. Bill agreed that evergreens would need more fencing. Eric commented that a 7-foot length would require 2 stakes and smaller gauge wire needs more support. Bryan mentioned that the CRC uses black matting to deter the voles from getting to the trees. There was vole damage at Supplee. He feels that they should start with the trees that can be found, about 50 out of the 100 planted. In the future, Sandy feels the plantings need to be protected when they are planted. Scott feels plantings should include deer resistant plants/trees. Bryan made a motion to approve up to \$800.00 to procure fencing and stakes and ground matting to protect the trees. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Bill will contact Mark Miller to see if he can get better pricing.
- B. East Boot Road - The Board discussed having this planting done by a professional, reputable nursery. Ginnie wants someone who will guarantee their work. She agreed with Scott that only a few trees should be planted, but they should be a decent size (10-15 feet tall), able to grow with Black Walnut trees and she prefers flowering trees, such as dogwoods. Scott feels 6 -7 feet tall would be okay and would save money. Shemin Nursery is a wholesaler who will want to get rid of inventory now. He also reminded the Board that the Board of Supervisors doesn't want a screen created in this area. Scott has a contact at the County who may be able to provide

people who have to do community service. It was decided that Scott and Sandy will get pricing for plants and fertilizer (Shemin, Sam Brown, Waterloo) and contact the County for the possibility of using people who need to do community service for the installation. There would be no guarantee on the trees with this option.

Ginnie will contact 3 nurseries (DelVeccachio, Woodlawn, Main Line).

Bryan made a motion to obtain and plant 8 to 10 dogwood trees at the East Boot Road location not to exceed \$2,000.00 using one of the two options discussed. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was discussion about the types of dogwoods and other native trees that can be used.

LIASONS REPORTS

- A. Park & Recreation Commission – Erich reported that the Pumpkin Festival was a huge success.
- B. Planning Commission- They received a plan for another apartment building at New Kent.

ANY OTHER MATTER

- A. Applebrook – Bryan reported that Pulte had the retention basin at the East Boot Road entrance drained today and they cut back the trees. Bryan is concerned that there was no notice given about this, because there were a dozen or more, good sized koi or carp fish in the pond. He contacted Rick Smith, who said they plan to turn it into a detention basin. He gave Bryan the contact information for Jim DeHaven of the Homeowners Association. Bryan also contacted some businesses that would have recovered the fish. Ginnie feels Jim DeHaven should be called. Sandy will call Rick Smith.
- B. Bill asked what is being done on Route 352 at the curve north of Paoli Pike. Ginnie answered that Hershey Mill is putting a strip of lawn, then a meadow with a row of trees at the fence.
- C. Bryan asked about the amphitheater that the Board of Supervisors approved. Erich explained that it will be in East Goshen Park. He also mentioned that the BOS put funds in the Park Commission's 2013 budget for the Hershey's Mill Dam project.
- D. Bryan commented that he has planted the American Chestnut Tree seeds in his yard. Also, there will be an Audubon sponsored bird walk tomorrow in Rushtin Woods at the new Willistown property.
- E. Sandy announced that the Township Holiday Party for Township volunteers will be on Friday, December 14. Please RSVP.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary