

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
January 9, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Vice-Chairman Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin, Bryan DelMonte, Walter Wujick, William Coffey & Rachel Burgos. Others present: Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor; Betsy Williams and Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission; and Todd Jones, resident.

**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 December 12, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Sandy introduced and welcomed the Board's new member, Rachael Burgos. Sandy reported that the Budget for 2013 was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Tree Ordinance – Because of what has happened with the planned tree removal at Goshen Meadows, the Board decided to research other township ordinances regarding legacy trees, meadows, and wooded lots. Scott mentioned that when the Board originally worked on the Township Tree Ordinance, they looked at the ordinances of Lower Merion, West Chester Borough and Garden Township. Grand champion trees are easily recognized. He feels legacy trees may be harder to identify. Bryan has the latest book by Scott Wade that lists the grand champion trees. It was decided that Board members will research other ordinances as follows:

Sandy – Charlestown  
Ginnie – Willistown, National Lands Trust  
Walter – Malvern  
Bill – Tredyffrin & Easttown  
Scott – West Chester Borough, East Bradford  
Bryan – Swarthmore, CRC

B. Invoice payment – Sandy reported that the \$2300 invoice for the dogwood trees was rejected by Jon Altshul, Township CFO, because it is being paid in 2012 for product to be received in 2013. The Board has two options: 1. Make the purchase out of the 2013 budget, which may cause a problem if the Board does a second planting, or, 2. Write a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting the additional \$2,300 for this planting. Bill made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors to increase the 2013 budget by \$2300 to cover the planting of dogwood trees along E. Boot Road that could not be done in 2012. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Goals for 2013 – Sandy mentioned that the Conservancy Board is scheduled to make their presentation first, at 9 am, this Saturday Jan. 12, 2013 at the annual ABC meeting. The Board discussed the following topics as goals:

1. Riparian buffer
2. Control of invasives in Applebrook
3. Continue to educate residents through newsletter articles
4. Recycling – Besty mentioned that the Board of Supervisors included funds in the 2013 budget for the Park & Recreation Commission to purchase 15 recycling bins for use in the parks.

5. Educate residents about storm water management through rain barrels and gardens.
6. Research possible grants for the National Lands Trust recommendations. Bryan reviewed the plan that was prepared by the National Lands Trust for the Board of Supervisors and the actions that are taken. This is a multi-year plan which should be updated each year.
7. Rewrite the Tree Ordinance to include legacy trees, wooded lots and meadows.
8. Continue pursuing the use of volunteers to reduce the cost of labor in projects.
9. Research the serpentine barrier in East Goshen Park.

At the ABC meeting on Saturday, Sandy will outline these goals and use the accomplishments that various board members provided.

D. Election of Officers for 2013 – Scott nominated Sandy for a second term as Chairman. Walter seconded the nomination. A vote was unanimous.  
Sandy nominated Bill for Vice Chairman. Scott seconded the nomination. A vote was unanimous.  
Sandy thanked Scott for his help this past year.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A. Todd Jones spoke about the work that the Willistown Conservation Trust does. He distributed information he recently received from the Trust about bird boxes. Bryan commented about the blue bird box project that the Board has been implementing and the need for volunteers to help clean the boxes. Also, the Conservancy Board installed signs in Applebrook Park that help people identify birds. Sandy thanked Mr. Jones for his input.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Goshen Meadows – 1325 West Chester Pike – The applicant was not present. Sandy attended a meeting with the applicant and township staff on Monday. She had a copy of the latest plan for the Board to review. Bryan checked the list of remaining trees, which had a discrepancy in the previous plans, either 40 or 25 remaining. It appears that the new plan indicates a total of 23 trees will remain. The Board is very disappointed in the number of trees being removed. Sandy mentioned that Goshen Meadows will present a final plan in February. She told Goshen Meadows (the applicant) that the Board members need copies of the existing tree plan & list, the tree removal plan, the lighting plan and the planting list before the February meeting.

#### **LIASONS REPORTS**

A. Park & Recreation Commission – Erich reported that the Winter Farmers Market started on Thursday, December 20, and will be held every other Thursday from 3:30 to 6 pm.

#### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

None

**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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary