

Agenda – East Goshen Conservancy Board – 2/13/13

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
2. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2013
3. Chairman's Report
 - a. Woodlawn Invoice
 - b. BOS approval of \$2,300.00 CB budget increase
 - c. BOS meeting – Goals for 2013 / lining up with the Township Comprehensive Plan
 - d. Keep EGT Beautiful Day – Partnering w/Kathryn & Jack Yahraes
 - i. Stream Clean up in conjunction – for EGT Streams
 - e. EGT BLDG – Geothermal Building Conversion
4. Old Business:
 - a. Goshen Meadows – Site plans/plant listing review
 - b. Amphitheater – in EGT Park –
 - c. (2) Bat Houses & 1 Blue Bird Box – given to mark - where should we put them
5. New Business:
 - a. EGT – 10 yr. Comprehensive Plan
 - i. Select Representative to task force and alternate member for Comp Plan Task Force
 - ii. Kickoff Meeting – Feb 25th 2013 – 7pm EGT bldg
 - b. Clymer's Woods sign
 - i. Historical Commission made a for our sign, Mark to install
 1. Thank you letter
 - c. Blue Bird Box cleaners –
 - i. Volunteers – age requirement?
 - ii. Date of First Cleaning in 2013
 - d. Follow up on Zoning Ordinances of other local townships – wooded lot, legacy trees, etc...
 - i. Charlestown – Sandy
 - ii. Willistown/NLT – Ginnie
 - iii. East Bradford & Tredyffrin – Bill
 - iv. Malvern – Walter
 - v. W.C. Borough & Westtown (East Bradford?) – Scott
 - vi. Swarthmore & Lower Merion / CRC – Bryan
 - e. Review all necessary CB - Zoning Ordinances –
 - i. **Chapter 13** – Conservancy Board §13-1 - §13-8
 1. Meadowlands, woodlands, wetlands – no definitions for these exists
 2. §13-4 – states that the BOS “designates” a chairman – may need to be amended.
 - ii. **Chapter 96** – Brush, Grass, and Weeds
 1. §96-1 – definitions – wildflower meadow –

- f. Rain Barrels –
 - i. Purchase – for township residents / Chester County also provides
 - ii. Installation of one at the township bldg
 - g. Consider Chester Creek walking area
- 6. Newsletter Article: 3/1/13
- 7. Sub Division / Land Development Review
- 8. Liaison Reports –
 - a. Sandy – BOS – (See Chairman's report)
 - b. Bryan – Historical
 - c. Bill – Park and Rec
 - d. Ginnie – Planning Commission
 - e. Walter – Sewer Authority
- 9. Board Member Concerns
- 10. Public Comments
- 11. Correspondence
- 12. Adjournment

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**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.

CHAIRMANS 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 for the Board of Supervisors and the actions that are done. 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, signs were installed 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 them 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



George Clymer 1739–1813

Signer of the Declaration of Independence and
the Constitution of the United States

Served as Continental Congress Treasurer
(1775-1776)

Delegate to the Continental Congress
(1780-1783)

Appointed to the Pennsylvania Legislature
(1785-1788)

First President of the Bank of Philadelphia and the
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts

George Clymer was born in Philadelphia and orphaned at a young age. Upon the death of his parents he was taken in by his wealthy maternal aunt and uncle, Hannah and William Coleman. William Coleman reared George to become a merchant, and advanced him from clerk to full-fledged partner in his mercantile firm. Upon his death he bequeathed the firm to his ward. Later Clymer merged operations with the Meredith's, a prominent business family, and cemented the relationship by marrying his senior partner's daughter, Elizabeth, in 1765.

Motivated, at least partly, by the impact of British economic restrictions on his business, Clymer early adopted the Revolutionary cause and was one of the first to recommend independence. He attended patriotic meetings, served on the Pennsylvania council of safety, and in 1773 headed a committee that forced the resignation of Philadelphia tea consignees appointed by Britain under the Tea Act. In 1775-76 he acted as one of the first two Continental treasurers, personally underwriting the war by exchanging all his own specie for Continental currency.

In the Continental Congress (1776-77 & 1780-82) the quiet and unassuming Clymer rarely spoke in debate but made his mark in committee efforts, especially those pertaining to commerce, finance, and military affairs. During the War for Independence, he also served on a series of commissions that conducted important field investigations. In December 1776, when Congress fled from Philadelphia to Baltimore, he remained behind to carry on congressional business.

Shortly after their victory at the Battle of Brandywine (September 11, 1777) British troops advancing on Philadelphia detoured for the sole purpose of vandalizing Clymer's home in Chester County. His wife and children hid nearby in the woods.

In 1776, Clymer's father-in-law, Reese Meredith, purchased approximately 360 acres of land in Goshen Township, Chester County from the estate of Aaron Ashbridge. East Goshen's historic Blacksmith Shop is located on this parcel of land as well as the Bow Tree development. The property, upon the death of Meredith in 1778, passed to his son Samuel and his son-in-law George Clymer. During the Fall of 1777, the family of Mr. Clymer resided at the Chester County property. The house, located in Bow Tree, is on the register of historic homes in East Goshen Township.

After a brief retirement following his last term in the Continental Congress, Clymer was reelected to the Pennsylvania legislature where he had previously served while still in Congress. As a state legislator, he reformed the penal code and opposed capital punishment.

The next phase of Clymer's career consisted of service in the U.S. House of Representatives in the First Congress (1789-91) followed by appointment as collector of excise taxes on alcoholic beverages in Pennsylvania (1791-94). In 1795-96, he sat on a Presidential commission that negotiated a treaty with the Cherokee and Creek Indians in Georgia. During his retirement, Clymer advanced various community projects, including the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

George Clymer died at the age of 73 in 1813 at Summerseat, his estate at Morrisville, Pennsylvania. He is buried at the Friends Meeting House Cemetery in Trenton, NJ.

Chapter 13. CONSERVANCY BOARD

§ 13-1. Creation of Board.

§ 13-2. Advisory duties of Board.

§ 13-3. Powers of the Board.

§ 13-4. Appointment of members.

§ 13-5. Compensation.

§ 13-6. Annual report.

§ 13-7. Appropriation of funds.

§ 13-8. Construal of provisions.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Goshen 8-23-1988 by Ord. No. 88. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 13-1. Creation of Board.

There is hereby created and established an East Goshen Conservancy Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board").

§ 13-2. Advisory duties of Board.

The Board shall advise the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, the Park and Recreation Board and other agencies, officials and employees of East Goshen Township on matters dealing with conservation, management, protection and use of natural resources in the Township of East Goshen.

§ 13-3. Powers of the Board.

The Board shall have the power:

- A. To make recommendations on the use and management of open land areas within the township to ensure that sound conservation concepts and ecological values are considered in decisionmaking. Particular emphasis shall be placed on the ecological evaluation of water and land resources (including meadowlands, woodlands and wetlands) in township parks and recreation areas and developing recommendations to the Park and Recreation Board on ecological approaches to use and management plans for such areas.
- B. To keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including but not limited to flood-prone areas, lakes and ponds, wetlands, woodlands, unique geological features and other unique natural areas for the purpose of establishing open space preservation priorities, identifying appropriate land management and use plans and identifying existing or potential conflicts between such open areas and adjacent land uses, existing or proposed.
- C. To identify methods by which priority open space areas or other property, real or personal, can be acquired (including by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, easement or lease) by the township or charitable conservation organizations and, as appropriate, provide such information to the owners of identified properties.
- D. To identify important environmental or conservation issues requiring analysis or regulatory action and provide review and comment to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on any studies or regulations of such problems which may be initiated or

developed by the township or other public or private entities.

- E. To provide review and comment to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on the natural resources impact of subdivision and land development plans.

§ 13-4. Appointment of members.

[Amended 7-11-1989 by Ord. No. 88A] The Board shall be composed of seven residents of East Goshen Township who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Supervisors. Duly appointed Board members shall serve for a term of three years, except, however, that initial appointments shall be so staggered that no more than three of the appointments shall expire each year. The Board of Supervisors of East Goshen Township shall designate a Chairman of the Board.

§ 13-5. Compensation.

Members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for the expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

§ 13-6. Annual report.

The Board shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report which shall be printed in the annual municipal report, if any, or if there shall be no annual municipal report, the Board shall otherwise make its annual report known and available.

§ 13-7. Appropriation of funds.

Funds for the expenses incurred by the Conservancy Board shall be appropriated at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. The Board may expend moneys for such administrative, clerical, printing and legal services as may from time to time be required, but its expenditures shall be limited to the amount of funds appropriated to it by the Board of Supervisors.

§ 13-8. Construal of provisions.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as abolishing or limiting any existing municipal agency, board, authority or commission even though such agency, board, authority or commission may have a responsibility related to the responsibilities delegated to the Conservancy Board hereunder, but otherwise all other ordinances and parts of ordinances are repealed insofar as they are inconsistent herewith.

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Rick Smith

To: Rick Smith
Subject: RE: Chester Creek Walking Path

To Conservancy Board.

The expense would be minimal to install a wood chip path from Baldwin Drive to the parking area by the stone bridge.

Rick

From: Rick Smith [<mailto:rsmith@eastgoshen.org>]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 7:31 AM
To: 'Mike Campbell'
Subject: RE: Chester Creek Walking Path

Mark

Thanks for your e-mail.

This will be on the Conservancy Board's meeting agenda (February 13 at 7 pm).

Rick

From: Mike Campbell [<mailto:invest4me@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 12:10 PM
To: rsmith@eastgoshen.org
Subject: Chester Creek Walking Path

Louis F. Smith, Jr., Township Manager
East Goshen Township Building
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

February 7, 2013

Dear Rick,

The following is a proposal for the safety, accessibility and enjoyment of the environmental open space on Reservoir Road. The idea would be for a natural walking path going from the bridge on Baldwin Drive then along Reservoir Road ending at the bridge crossing the Chester Creek.

The safety aspect would be for the walkers and joggers along Reservoir Road. Many of the local residents enjoy walking around Rockland Village using Cooper Circle, Baldwin Drive and Mark Drive. The dangerous section of the walk is along Reservoir Road. Many years ago a woman was jogging on East Strasburg Road near Reservoir Road and was hit by a car. She lost one of her legs. Reservoir Road gets busier every year partially because of the East Goshen Industrial Park. The road is too narrow for both cars and walkers. Also, a crosswalk at both ends of Cooper Circle might slow the traffic before the stop sign.

The open space would be more inviting and accessible with the natural walking path between the two bridges

to all of the residents of East Goshen. Residents could walk to the picnic area, the creek or just enjoy a little piece of nature. This Chester creek bridge to bridge natural walking path might be a good way to conserve the beauty of some of our open space. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Campbell
1339 Mark Drive
West Chester, PA 19380-6213
610-696-6868

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
ABC reports
February 2013

Account Title	Acct #	Annual Budget	M-T-D	Y-T-D

CONSERVANCY				
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	01461 2480	1,000		
GENERAL EXPENSE	01461 2482			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	01461 3100	500		
LANDSCAPING	01461 3720	5,300		

SUBTOTAL		6,800		0

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

January 18, 2013

East Goshen Township
Authority, Boards and Commissions
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, Pa. 19380

Re: Comprehensive Plan task Force
2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Dear ABC Members:

At their meeting on January 15, 2013 the Board of Supervisors approved the composition and schedule for the Comprehensive Plan Task Force (CPTF). The Task Force will meet monthly over the next eighteen months or so with our planning consultant, John Thielacker from the Brandywine Conservancy, to develop an update to the Township Comprehensive Plan. The Municipal Planning Code (MPC) mandates that the Township update the Comprehensive Plan every 10 years. We have received Vision Partnership Program grant from Chester County for \$28,050 which is equal to 40% of the cost of the project.

East Goshen Comprehensive Plan Task Force (CPTF) composition:

Board of Supervisor Member	1
Planning Commission Members	2
Park Board member	1
Conservancy Board Member	1
Historical Commission Member	1
Commerce Development Commission Member	1
Brandywine Conservancy	2
<u>Zoning Officer</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	10

Additional Stakeholders:

- The Municipal Authority will be consulted on as needed basis.
- The Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) will have a representative attend as needed to monitor the project and provide assistance.
- A recording secretary will be provided to keep an official record of each meeting.
- **East Goshen Township residents and property owners. The public is welcome to attend all the CPTF meetings.**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**

Actions for Each ABC:

- Each Board and Commission shall identify a primary and an alternate task force member to serve on the CPTF during their February 2013 Meeting. Only the primary task force members need to attend the CPTF meetings, however in the event of a conflict there is an identified alternate who can fill in.
- Additional ABC members are welcome to attend the CPTF meetings.
- Each ABC shall add a line item to their agenda titled "Comprehensive Plan Update". This is where the respective CPTF member will update their ABC members on the progress of the project and solicit feedback to bring back to the CPTF for consideration.

Administrative Actions:

- The meetings will be open to the public and advertised as required by the Sunshine Act.

Schedule:

- The Comp Plan Update should take approximately 18 months to complete.
- **The meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Township Building in the rear conference room.**
- **The Comp Plan Kick-Off Meeting will be February 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM; All Primary and Alternate Task Force designees should attend the Comp Plan Update Kick Off meeting.**

Please designate a primary and alternate member for the task force during your February 2013 meeting and forward the names of your designees to me. The 2005 Comprehensive Plan is available on our website for your information and use. I will have hard copies of the Comprehensive Plan for each of the designated Task Force Members at your next Meeting.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Zoning Officer

Cc: John Theilacker, Brandywine Conservancy (via email)
Jeannine Speirs, Chester County Planning Commission

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

February 8, 2012

Ms. Laurie Bassett
Woodlawn Garden Center
359 Paoli Pike
Malvern, PA 19355

Re: Invoice #76
Dated 2/6/13

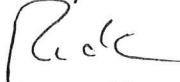
Dear Laurie:

Pursuant to our conversation on February 6, 2013 this letter will confirm that the Township has accepted your proposal to provide and plant 10 White Dogwood trees as described in your proposal of 2/6/13. The Township will issue a check for payment the week of March 18, 2013 and the trees will be plant the week of April 1, 2013.

The Conservancy Board will contact you directly about staking the tree locations.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Sincerely



Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager

Cc: Conservancy Board

Woodlawn Garden Center
359 Paoli Pike
Malvern, PA 19355
610.647.1300

Invoice
2/6/2013 11:11 AM

Invoice#: 76
Ticket: 220000013758
Register: Register 1
Employee: JimLaurie
Company: East Goshen Township
Customer: East Goshen Township Sandy Snyder
Work: 610-692-7171
Fax: 610-692-8950
1580 Paoli Pike
Planting off Boot Road/ Park
West Chester, PA 19380

Item**Price**

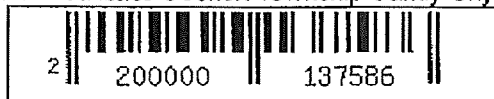
Installation 70% of plant material cost	10	\$91.00
Cornus florida (White Dogwood) 6-8'	10	\$139.00
	Subtotal	\$2,300.00
	Total	\$2,300.00

One Time Store credit only with receipt
50% credit on plant material for 6mos
100% credit on plants we install for 1yr
no warranty on sale or discounted items
No returns on Sod

Spring 2013 Estimate

Installation includes delivery, planting, soil amendments such as peat moss and /or compost as needed. Mulch, and stakes if needed. Any additional soil amendments for soil deficiencies will be an additional cost to customer. One year guarantee as long as plants are properly watered. Soil test-high magnesium, low in phosphates

Thank You East Goshen Township Sandy Snyder!



Accepted 2-6-13

PAY ON 3/19/13

Rec'd