

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Vice-Chairman Bill Coffey, Bryan Del Monte, Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin, Walter Wujcik, & Rachael Burgos. Others present: Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission; and Michael Campbell, 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 February 13, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Sandy mentioned that Goshen Meadows will not be at this meeting. They plan to be at the April 3, 2013 Planning Commission meeting. The Conservancy Board's next meeting is April 10. Sandy will continue to insist that the Board members receive copies of the plan prior to the meeting that Goshen Meadows wants an approval. She feels the Board may need to have a workshop in April.

OLD BUSINESS

1. E. Boot Road – On Saturday, March 9, 2013 Sandy and Walter did a walk of the site. Several trees both deciduous and evergreen are dead. Bryan feels they should wait until Spring to see which ones bloom. Sandy commented that she and Walter marked locations 10 feet back from the sidewalk, made sure they were not in the drip line of other trees, and tried to give each tree enough space. The stakes that Mark Miller gave her are too big and she couldn't get them in the ground. He is going to get her smaller stakes.

The warranty on the trees is contingent on proper watering of the trees. Sandy wants to set up a watering schedule for Mark Miller. Scott feels the contractor should do the staking before the planting and provide a schedule for watering. He is also concerned that the people doing the installation may not be experienced. Sandy read the contract and it doesn't specify that the planting will be done by an experienced horticulturalist. Also she doesn't know if they will charge an additional fee to do the staking. Ginnie will contact them and ask these questions.

2. Blue Bird Boxes – There is one still not installed. Bryan suggested Supplee Valley on the picnic table side of the road, near the old manhole cover. He is planning to clean the boxes this week. Sandy mentioned that Betsy Williams has some girl scouts that may want to volunteer to help. Bryan verified that there are 19 boxes currently installed in the township parks and open space. He feels the volunteers should be at least 12-14 years old. Sandy will contact Betsy. Bill mentioned that he spoke to Ken Leister who said he would come and go on a site walk to look at potential locations.

3. Comprehensive Plan – Sandy and Walter attended the initial meeting. She gave copies of the current 2005 plan to Bill, Rachael, Bryan and Ginnie. Sandy suggested that they read the sections on natural resources and attend the CPTF meetings that apply to conservancy issues. It is her understanding that the Brandywine Conservancy will be presenting a report comparing the East Goshen

ordinance with others and will make recommendations. So, she feels the Board should wait to discuss the ordinance information they collected.

4. Goals – The 2013 goals have to be rewritten to match the wording used in the Comp Plan. This will be discussed at the next meeting and then submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

5. Saturday, April 6, 2013 is Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day. Sandy asked the board members to come to the township building early to help set up the supplies and food. She and Kathryn Yahraes have discussed holding a stream clean up later in the Spring.

6. Rain Barrel – Bill's father is building the platform. Bill showed the board members a picture of the type of plastic barrel he wants to use. Walter moved to authorize Bill to purchase the barrel up to \$150. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed. Bill will contact Rick Smith and Mark Miller about the installation.

7. Path along Reservoir Road – Sandy reported that the Public Works Dept. just mowed this area. Mike Campbell commented that Mark Miller said it would be a wood chip path, which isn't the best because the chips get washed away. He talked to someone at Longwood Gardens who recommended digging 2-3" for a gravel bed. Then put wood chips on top with a border along the edge. Also, pvc pipes should be used in low lying areas to drain the water. Scott feels a path to the Reservoir would be highly used. Rachael saw boys going to the Reservoir this weekend to fish. Wood chips will not work for strollers, etc. Sandy will talk to Mark.

8. Supplee Valley Ponds – Ginnie hasn't heard from Bruce about the cattails, so, she doesn't think he is interested in the project. Bryan has a photo of a muskrat he saw in Applebrook Park. Rachael may have seen some along Reservoir Road. Bryan suggested that the board members take a look at the ponds. The muskrats eat cattails and he feels there are fewer cattails now. Sandy would like to do a site walk in June.

NEW BUSINESS

None

LIASONS REPORTS

1. Planning Commission – Ginnie reported that they discussed animal husbandry in the ordinance.
2. Park & Recreation Commission - Erich reported that the Farmers Market being held tomorrow, will have a St. Patrick's theme. Mark Miller is getting pricing for recycling bins. Sandy mentioned that the Conservancy Board can contribute to the cost if needed. March 23 is the Egg Hunt at 10 am.
3. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that the DEP inspector gave a good review of the plant. West Goshen plans to give a press release soon about the lawsuit involving their treatment plant.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Ginnie reported that she, Bryan and Erich Meyer attended a CRC seminar last Sunday. The speaker was Dr. Brightman, from Longwood Gardens, who mentioned the following:
 - Meadows produce insects which attract birds
 - If you have a dead tree standing, trim the branches off and leave it standing for birds to nest in.
 - Leave a dead tree in a wooded area on the ground. It enhances the soil as it decays.

Bryan mentioned that Longwood is doing a high density planting such as the one the Conservancy Board did by the bridge in Clymer's Wood. The fencing is helping to keep the deer away.

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