

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**

April 10, 2013

7:00 P.M.

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 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: Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer; Erich Meyer, Park & Recreation Commission; and William Egan, 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sullivan's Grove, Greenhill Road – Jim Renehan, applicant, was present. Mark explained that the Board of Supervisors approved this sub-division in 2009. Hershey's Mill has decided to sell the land and the approved plan. The Landscape Plan was approved by the Conservancy Board in 2009. Jim will continue to use that plan. He wants to remove the ornamental wall from the plan since this will be an independent development. So far, the township will not take dedication of the road. There will be 4 homes, about 3800 sq. ft. each, with approximately 1 acre each. Jim wants to change the name of the development to Ashleybrooke and the street name to Sullivan's Circle. Scott moved to approve the changes to the plan. Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Goshen Meadows, 1325 West Chester Pike – Dennis O'Neill was present to represent the applicant. He presented a revised landscape plan. It was noted that the date on the first page is wrong. Dennis explained that there are 104 trees currently on the property. 81 trees will be removed but 104 trees will be planted along with 120 shrubs. The buffers will be filled in and the roses were removed from the original plan. The emergency exit onto West Chester Pike will be stamped paving and pavers with grass. PennDOT has a signage scheme that they require for use at this exit. The plan provides for installation of street trees along West Chester Pike.

Sandy mentioned that in a recent meeting the Township engineer didn't want double digits of tree species. Sandy is concerned that there are some species with over 10 trees each. She is more concerned about the deciduous trees than the shrubs. Scott feels more evergreens should be used to screen the neighbors. Also, ash trees will be affected over the next few years by the Emerald Ash Borer. Dennis feels they did a lot of research and the trees they selected don't have problems with pests. Walter moved to accept the proposed plan with the stipulations about the number of trees in a species. Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with 1 no vote from Ginnie and Scott recused himself. Sandy will write a letter to the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman noted that the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. E. Boot Road – The dogwoods have been planted. Ginnie checked them and they look good. She said the head landscaper oversaw the project. He also donated the protective tubes on the trees. She spoke with Mark Miller who will water the trees once per week. Woodlawn will give an estimate for meadow grasses to put between the trees. Scott feels that, in the future, the Board should select the trees rather than the contractor. Also, it would be a good opportunity to get the grasses from a wholesale

nursery and use volunteers to plant them. Sandy feels it might be better to use the same contractor. She was impressed with their customer service through this project.

2. Blue Bird Boxes – Bryan reported that there were nests in all of the boxes for the first time. Willistown is promoting the Ashbridge Preserve.
3. Comprehensive Plan – No meeting in March.
4. Goals – Tabled to next month.
5. Saturday, April 6, 2013 was Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day. Sandy thanked everyone who came. Kathryn Yahraes asked again about a stream cleanup. Ginnie mentioned that the CRC has a huge clean up every May and doesn't feel it is necessary for the Conservancy Board to have one. Bryan commented that when there is a 4-5 inch rain event, the Chester/Ridley creeks get flushed out. The CRC has a cleanup of the Goose Creek in West Goshen.
6. Rain Barrel – Bill reported that he purchased the rain barrel online for \$89.00 and his father is almost done building the platform. Scott mentioned that he saw rain barrels that look like terra cotta. The Board needs to decide what the sign will say. Sandy asked Bill to check at the Chester Co. Government Services Building to see if they are selling rain barrels.

LIASONS REPORTS

1. Park & Recreation Commission - Erich reported that the Summer Farmers Market will start on Thursday May 9, 2013 in the East Goshen Park. Work has started on an amphitheater in the park. Erich showed a photo of the area in Applebrook Park where he and Mark Miller decided to put the rain garden. He is waiting for details from the West Chester Garden Club.
2. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that West Goshen is working on a settlement agreement to reach 0.8 mg/l as the phosphorus discharge limit in the next 5 years. The Pulte sewer easement was signed.
3. Historical Commission – Sandy mentioned that Living History Day is June 1, 2013.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Ginnie brought up the grass cutting in Clymer's Woods. It was her understanding that, if a sign is installed explaining why the grass isn't being cut, then it won't be cut. Both Erich and Bryan said that Mark Miller was told by the Board of Supervisors to cut it once per month.
2. Spinelli Tract – Ginnie mentioned that this was on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors last week but Willistown did not show to make their presentation. Erich explained that Willistown wants to apply for a grant to buy this 20 acre property and make it a preserve with walking trails. Erich feels the Board should wait to hear the presentation. Ginnie feels this is consistent with the Board's goals in the Comprehensive Plan. Bill Egan supports it because of the trails. Sandy will write a letter to the Board of Supervisors.
3. Bryan mentioned that he received 20 livestock dogwood plants from the CRC. The plants need to be near water. He proposed Supplee Valley for this project. It was decided that the Board will meet at Supplee Valley on Saturday April 20, 2013 at 9:00 am to plant and do a site walk.

4. Sandy read an article about the bats in Bucks County. The white nose disease wiped out a huge colony.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bill Egan, resident, asked what the minimum height of the grass is in the parks. Sandy will check with Mark Miller.

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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary