

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**

**May 8, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Bryan Del Monte, Rachael Burgos, Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin, & Walter Wujcik. 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 and first responders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman noted that the minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Budget – There is no change. The total remaining is \$4,500.
2. Sandy reported that they planted the Osier dogwood cuttings that Bryan received along the banks in Supplee Valley. They walked the area and pulled grass away from the trees that were planted last year. She is going to ask Public Works to make cages for the trees.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bryan attended the Annual CRC Stream Cleanup in the Ashbridge Preserve on May 4th. About 10 people participated. Willistown added wood duck boxes. They received a grant to make a shrub demonstration area. They fenced the area, cleaned it out and planted native plants.
2. E. Boot Road – Bryan commented that the white crab apple trees are in bloom and look good. Ginnie walked the area to check on the new dogwoods. She feels they need some pruning which she will do. She saw two beech trees that have been topped and doesn't know who did it.
3. Clymer's Woods – Ginnie reported that the under plantings are doing well except where the soil wasn't good. Sandy and Walter think there are 3-4 dead trees there. Sandy asked everyone to take a walk through this area before the next meeting.
4. Weeds Inc – Sandy is waiting for the quote from Brian. It should be higher since he was asked to spray in Supplee Valley if needed.
6. Rain Barrel – No report.
7. Newsletter – The next article is due on May 15th. Ginnie suggested using the article on lawns again. Bryan will write about the Ashbridge Preserve. Scott offered to write an article too.
8. Blue Bird Boxes - Bryan received a response from Betsy Williams. The Girl Scout troops that she contacted to help clean the boxes declined. She will contact some troops with older girls.
9. Goshen Meadows – Sandy signed the letter Mark Gordon wrote to the Planning Commission.
10. Comp Plan Update – Sandy explained that there will be a Visioning Session on Monday June 3 at 7:00 pm at the Township Building. This meeting is for the public to voice their ideas and concerns.

Sandy asked everyone to review the current Comprehensive Plan for discussion at the June 13th meeting. They should think about redevelopment, and definitions of wooded lots, meadows and legacy trees.

NEW BUSINESS

1. This Saturday May 11, 2013 is the electronics recycling event at East Goshen Park.

LIASONS REPORTS

1. Park & Recreation Commission - Erich reported that the Summer Farmers Market will start tomorrow Thursday May 9, 2013 in the East Goshen Park. Also, Community Day will be held on Saturday June 22. They will need lots of volunteers. They will probably have the 2 hour time slots like last year.
2. Municipal Authority – No report. This month their meeting is after CB meeting.
3. Historical Commission – Sandy mentioned that Living History Day is June 1, 2013. Contact Kathryn Yahraes if you can volunteer. Bryan reported that there are several historic homes for sale including the Clymer house in Bow Tree, Clocktower Farm and Sorrell Hill farmhouse. Bryan feels some of these properties have trees that would fall under the Legacy category. He will ask Chris Reardon to include the CB when they do any site walks.
4. Board of Supervisors – Erich reported that they selected a new auditor.
5. Planning Commission – Ginnie reported that she told the PC about a newspaper article by Thomas Hilton, in which he relates that there are different ways to put wires on poles so trees don't have to be chopped the way they are. There is a way to bundle the wires so the tree can grow around the wires.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

1. Scott mentioned that one of the oak trees on the east side of the Township Building is showing signs of stress, which is expected due to construction. Sandy will request that Public Works water the tree regularly as needed.

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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary