

AGENDA
 EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
 CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
 July 10, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. May 8, 2013
 - b. June 12, 2013
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
4. OLD BUSINESS

To be determined
5. NEW BUSINESS

To be determined
6. SUB DIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
8. LIAISON REPORTS
9. CORRESPONDENCE
10. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

June 13-Aug 22	Town Tours & Village Walks (Chester County) Thursdays	5:30 PM
	Park Commission will not meet in July	
July 04, 2013	Independence Day Office Closed	
July 04, 2013	Farmer's Market	3-7:00 PM
July 08, 2013	Municipal Authority	7:00 PM
	CANCELLED	
July 10, 2013	Conservancy Board	7:00 PM
July 11, 2013	Historical Commission	7:00 PM
July 11, 2013	Farmer's Market	3-7:00 PM
July 15, 2013	Commerce Commission	7:00 PM
July 16, 2013	Board of Supervisors	7:00 PM
July 17, 2013	Police Commission WEGO Police Station	5:30 PM

July 17, 2013	Historical Commission w/s Comp Plan as it relates to historical resources	6:30 PM
July 18, 2013	Local Traffic Advisory Committee	1:00 PM
July 18, 2013	Farmer's Market	3-7:00 PM
July 22, 2013	Comp Plan Task Force	7:00 PM
July 25, 2013	Farmer's Market	3-7:00 PM
July 25, 2013	Town Tours & Village Walks Will be in Historic Goshenville	5:30 PM
July 1-Aug 2, 2013	Youth Recreation Day Camp	8:45-12:00 PM

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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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.

1 10. Comp Plan Update – Sandy explained that there will be a Visioning Session on Monday June 3 at
2 7:00 pm at the Township Building. This meeting is for the public to voice their ideas and concerns.
3 Sandy asked everyone to review the current Comprehensive Plan for discussion at the June 13th meeting.
4 They should think about redevelopment, and definitions of wooded lots, meadows and legacy trees.
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6 **NEW BUSINESS**

7 1. This Saturday May 11, 2013 is the electronics recycling event at East Goshen Park.
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9 **LIASONS REPORTS**

10 1. Park & Recreation Commission - Erich reported that the Summer Farmers Market will start
11 tomorrow Thursday May 9, 2013 in the East Goshen Park. Also, Community Day will be held on
12 Saturday June 22. They will need lots of volunteers. They will probably have the 2 hour time slots like
13 last year.

14 2. Municipal Authority – No report. This month their meeting is after CB meeting.

15 3. Historical Commission – Sandy mentioned that Living History Day is June 1, 2013. Contact
16 Kathryn Yahraes if you can volunteer. Bryan reported that there are several historic homes for sale
17 including the Clymer house in Bow Tree, Clocktower Farm and Sorrell Hill farmhouse. Bryan feels
18 some of these properties have trees that would fall under the Legacy category. He will ask Chris
19 Reardon to include the CB when they do any site walks.

20 4. Board of Supervisors – Erich reported that they selected a new auditor.

21 5. Planning Commission – Ginnie reported that she told the PC about a newspaper article by Thomas
22 Hilton, in which he relates that there are different ways to put wires on poles so trees don't have to be
23 chopped the way they are. There is a way to bundle the wires so the tree can grow around the wires.

24 **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

25 1. Scott mentioned that one of the oak trees on the east side of the Township Building is showing signs
26 of stress, which is expected due to construction. Sandy will request that Public Works water the tree
27 regularly as needed.
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29 **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter
30 seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was
31 adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
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35 Respectfully submitted,
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39 Ruth Kiefer
40 Recording Secretary

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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 minutes of the May 8, 2013 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mr. Jones commented that he noticed that the Clymer Woods area has been mowed already for the second time. His proposal is to let the grass grow in the middle where the trees are and only mow along the edge of the pathway. He gave out copies of information sheets about Native Warm Season Grass Meadows – Converting an abandoned field. They are from the Natural Lands Trust and copies of the sheets for Willistown and Bradford Township were also included. Sandy mentioned that the Board of Supervisors has instructed Mark Miller to keep this area mowed. Walter mentioned that the reasons are 1. They consider this an entrance into East Goshen and want it to look nice and 2. They are concerned about the safety of walkers because you can't see the back side of the walkway. Mr. Jones is willing to go before the BOS. Sandy asked him to notify her so the Conservancy Board members can be there to support him.

Ginnie mentioned that a million dollar home was built in Wayne and instead of lawns they grew meadows.

Bryan commented that he counted 12 ground hogs in Applebrook Park in the areas that are mowed. Ground hogs don't like tall grasses.

Erich mentioned that, if you are going to let grass grow and only mow it 1 or 2 times a season, the grass will be too high for the Township mowers to cut around the trees.

Scott commented that there are people who have to do community service and they could be brought in to cut in a more manual way. There would be no labor cost.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sandy received an update from Bill that the rain barrel and platform are complete. He will contact Rick Smith about installing it at the Township Building.

2. Bryan reported that Betty Lewis, who lives on Hershey Mill Rd, contacted him about erosion from the stream and about vines growing on the trees and phone poles. However, the area where the vines are is in East Whiteland Township. Sandy will refer to Bryan's notes and write a letter to her giving the names and phone numbers of people to contact.

3. Community Day is Sat June 22. Erich asked if anyone can volunteer to help, get in touch with him. There are 2 shifts – 5 to 7 and 7 to 9 pm.

1 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2 1. 2005 Comprehensive Plan update. Sandy put the agenda she received from the Brandywine
3 Conservancy on the white board as follows:
4 1. What are the Conservancy Board’s visions for Natural Resources?
5 a. Vision includes people
6 b. How do residents interact with local environment?
7 c. How do natural resources fit with other important areas of the Comp Plan?
8 2. Does the existing Comp Plan support the CB’s vision?
9 a. Policy, goals and objectives
10 b. Are the current goals supporting the CB’s vision?
11 3. Review action steps in Chapter 10
12 a. What has been accomplished, what has not and why not?
13 4. CP-2005 Appendix D – Inventories
14 a. Still accurate?
15 b. Any changes/updates?
16 5. The Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resource Plan (1993) is
17 mentioned in the 2005 Comp Plan but Sandy couldn’t locate a digital copy.
18 Later during the discussion, Walter found a copy on the bookshelf.
19 6. Review 1st section of the SCA
20 7. SCA – Inadequate definition of “forest”
21 a. map of woodlands
22 8. Major topic areas that the CP2015 has to address
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24 Discussion:

25 Walter - The vision could be to keep East Goshen beautiful.
26 Sandy – Residents use the parks, walk on the boardwalk and in preserves like Supple Valley.
27 Bryan – East Goshen is at the headwaters of Ridley and Chester Creeks. There should be no negative
28 impact on the good quality of the water in East Goshen.
29 Sandy – The Brandywine Conservancy was very impressed with the high quality of the water.
30 Ginnie –The 150 foot setback from streams (buffer) should be implemented. The current buffer is only
31 50 Feet.
32 Bryan – Has seen some areas where the buffer is only 10 – 20 feet.
33 Sandy – There is no space left for development so redevelopment needs to be addressed.
34 Some Natural Resources in East Goshen:
35 • Ridley and Chester Creeks
36 • Open Spaces
37 • Riparian Buffer Zones
38 • Serpentine rock
39 • All wildlife and fauna supported by these resources
40 Walkways:
41 Scott – Start the discussion again on the walkway proposed by a resident along Reservoir Road in
42 Supplee Valley.
43 Ginnie – For years there has been discussion about ways for people to walk to the “town center” and
44 bike.
45 Bryan – There is a “path” from East Goshen Elementary School to the Wawa/Peppermill area that is
46 awful. In the Comp Plan there is reference to “linking landscapes”.
47 Bryan feels that the “benefits” of the plan should be for Present and Future Generations.
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49 Comp Plan Review

50 Chapter 1, sec 4 – was reviewed. It should prohibit redevelopment in highly sensitive areas.
51 Need a definition for legacy or heritage trees and woodland. These should be protected resources.
52 Ginnie – If a legacy tree is on private property and they want to cut it down, this situation has to be
53 covered. Some municipalities don’t let you do this – it is written into the community rules.
54 Driplines – In high density forest situations, the dripline should be extended.

1 Scenic Vistas – is there a definition? Scenic roads are listed in Appendix G pg 11.
2 4b3 – recommend green and sustainable development
3 4c1 (also in Chap 1, 4b) – Stormwater management –
4 Bryan would like to include something more specific about stormwater. What is the total % of
5 impervious coverage for the township?
6 The Conservancy Board should be included in the review of stormwater management plans and provide
7 recommendations during land development.
8 4d3 invasives – Since this is a goal the BOS gave the CB, there should be a new item to promote
9 invasives control.
10 Chapter 10 – Actions review
11 Page 10-4, 2a 2-6 implemented
12 Page 10-9, 3b 1-2 – natural corridors – uncertain who is the lead, Planning Commission or CB
13 Page 10-10, 4a 2-1 – serpentine inventory – need assistance from a professional to locate these areas
14 4a 3-1 – native plants list – done
15 Definitions – done
16 Tree protection zone – done
17 4a 4-1 – Revise subdivision and land development ordinance re headwaters and riparian
18 forest buffers – not completed
19 Note: Joint responsibilities on actions create confusion.
20 Page 10-11, 4b 1-1 – Review impervious coverage regulations – will review ordinance
21 4c 1-1 – educate citizens – done and on-going
22 Note: Paper newsletter was discussed. It was decided by the Board members that a letter will be written
23 to the BOS asking them to reconsider their decision to stop the paper newsletter. Sandy will do this.
24 Page 10-34, 9e3 1 & 2 are done
25 Appendix D – Inventory
26 D6 – riparian forest needs to be updated to 150 feet for the buffer
27 D13 – Woodlands
28 Other comments;
29 Bryan – would like to see birding as a natural resource
30 Would like to see electric car charger stations – start with the Township building.
31 Rachael – mow walkways
32 Ginnie – new term – ecological interdependence
33 Support preservation of historical open space around historic buildings.
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35 Sandy will make an outline of the discussion.
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37 Comp Plan Task Force – Sandy will not be able to attend the next meeting on Monday June 24. Walter is the
38 alternate. Sandy encouraged all Board members to attend since this is the meeting that will cover
39 natural resources.
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41 **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter
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