

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**

October 9, 2013

7:00 P.M.

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin and William Coffey. Others present were: Janet Emanuel, Township Supervisor and Bill Egan, resident.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sandy Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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 September 11, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Clymer's Woods – Sandy reported that Mark Miller removed the dead trees.

Woodlawn Estimate – Ginnie commented that he can't get oaks until spring. He will get back to her with an estimate for smaller caliber trees. Scott will email pricing for already dug trees that would be discounted at this time of year.

Understory – Ginnie noticed that under the bridge a lot of the shrubs are dying because of the competition from the grass. The grass should be pulled away from the base of the plant and wood chips put down.

E. Boot Road – Ginnie reported that the dogwoods look fine. The small, low branches should be trimmed off all of the trees. Octarara's cost for plants is \$1,500. This does not include planting. Ginnie also asked if he could get 5 bald cypress trees. Jim will put them aside. A location by the stream needs to be selected. Jim will deliver the order in November. The Board selected Saturday November 9 with Sunday November 10 as the day to plant. Sandy will contact Adult Probation to see about getting some assistance. She will also contact Betsy Williams to see if some girl scouts want to help. She will contact Mark Miller for the equipment. Sandy commented that we still have the materials for caging the trees. Scott feels this is important to keep the deer from rubbing the trees.

Park & Recreation – Sandy reported that Park & Rec is getting more recycling bins for the parks in 2014. The goal is to have 1 recycling bin for each trash bin.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Space Task Force – The Township is planning to update the Open Space plan. They need one member and one alternate from each ABC for this committee. They will meet the 3rd Thursday for 8 months. The first meeting is October 17. Ginnie volunteered to be the main member. The alternate will be determined later.

Township Newsletter – The Township is going back to mailing a paper newsletter. Since the preparation is being done by an outside firm, the deadline for articles is not flexible. The deadline for the winter issue is October 29. Bill will provide an article. Sandy thanked Scott for the article in the current issue.

SUB DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

Sunny Ridge – Everyone agreed that this developer is open to their concerns. Sandy will send a recommendation letter to the Planning Commission. However, Ginnie was very upset that John Mullin, engineer for the developer, stated at the Planning Commission that the Conservancy Board requested that 3 trees be saved. This is not what the CB told him on the site walk. Sandy will discuss this with Sue Carty.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

It was brought to Scott's attention that a homeowner in Waterview had a tree cut down very close to the reservoir. From an examination of the stump, it appears the tree was alive. Also the riparian buffer was disturbed. Sandy will ask Mark Miller to check this out.

LIASION REPORTS

Planning Commission – Ginnie reported that the commission discussed specifications for rain gardens. Also, it was decided that the word "should" will be changed to "shall" in an appendix regarding Act 167.

CPTF – Janet reported that the special meeting was to review a town center plan. The Brandywine Conservancy made a presentation but the CPTK tabled it. They finalized the initial set of focus areas for the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Egan asked for comment on the downgrading of the Ridley Creek. Janet reported that this is being investigated. It is caused by sediment coming into the stream. They are trying to figure out what is happening and what to do.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary