

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. OLD BUSINESS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 13, 2013
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. SUB DIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
7. VARIANCES
8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
9. LIAISON REPORTS
10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Dec 09, 2013	Municipal Authority	7:00 PM
Dec 11, 2013	Conservancy Board	7:00 PM
Dec 12, 2013	Historical Commission	7:00 PM
	Hearings-(1631 E. Strasburg Rd, 1662 E. Boot Rd)	
Dec 12, 2013	Farmers Market	3:30-6:30 PM
Dec 14, 2013	NYC Holiday Trip	7:00 AM
Dec 16, 2013	Commerce Commission	7:00 PM
Dec 17, 2013	Board of Supervisors	7:00 PM
Dec 19, 2013	Police Commission	5:30 PM
	WEGO Police Dept	
Dec 19, 2013	Open Space & Rec Plan Task Force	7:00 PM
Dec 19, 2013	Farmers Market	3:30- 6:30 PM
Dec 25, 2013	Christmas	
	Office Closed	
Jan 06, 2014	Board of Supervisors Annual Re-Org	7:00 PM

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12. PUBLIC COMMENTS
13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin Bryan Del Monte, and Rachael Burgos. Others present were: Janet Emanuel, Township Supervisor, Judy Schafer, Historical Commission member, and Bill 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 and first responders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman noted that the minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Planting on November 16 – Ginnie walked the area on E. Boot Road across from Bellingham with Mark Miller and they selected the spot for the planting. Mark will have the grass mowed before Saturday. Ginnie will put the flags in for the planting. Ginnie is very pleased with the plants. Bryan gave her his recommendation for locations to plant the 5 bald cypress trees. Sandy commented that Erich Meyer will dig the holes.

Ginnie mentioned that Woodlawn Nursery gave her a good price (about \$300 each) to plant red bud and/or serviceberry along Boot Road under the dogwood trees. These plants will grow with black walnut trees.

Ginnie mentioned that, at the Board of Supervisors meeting, Kathryn Yahraes, Historical Commission member, thought the Conservancy Board planting was behind the Plank House. This planting is not in the historic area. At some point Sandy feels the Conservancy Board may plant between the Plank House and the parking lot. Judy asked Ginnie to suggest some trees to plant at the Plank House. Ginnie suggested fruit and/or nut trees, which would be what the people of the revolutionary era would have planted.

Ginnie asked Sandy to notify the township about the planting which will start at 9:00 am. Only 3 CB members can come. Volunteers are needed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Comprehensive Plan Task Force Update – Sandy reported that she reviewed the ideas of the Conservancy Board about natural resources with the task force. The draft of Chapter 4, Natural Resources, was given to the CB members. Sandy asked everyone to review it and bring their comments to the December meeting. Janet pointed out that this chapter is very preliminary because the township is waiting to have the meeting with PA representatives about the status of the creeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sandy reviewed the letters from the Township regarding subdivisions at 1551 Colonial Lane, and 1637 Manley Road. Scott mentioned that the Board was pleased to be included in the early planning for 1551 Colonial Lane. Sandy will ask Mark Gordon to be sure to include the CB in the planning for 1637 Manley.

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2 **NEW BUSINESS**

3 Sandy reviewed the grant information the CB was given. The Township does not have a grant writer.
4 Bryan suggested referring to the report the Natural Lands Trust prepared about Applebrook. Sandy will
5 start to work on this. The deadline is December 31, 2013.
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7 **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

8 Ginnie mentioned that the Board of Supervisors showed her the kind of sign they want used at Clymer's
9 Wood. Sandy will get a copy of it for the Conservancy Board to see and approve.
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11 Bryan read the County Wide Act 167, Stormwater Management Ordinance that was reviewed at the
12 Planning Commission meeting. In Part 1, page 23 he found the following possible definition for woods:
13 "Any land area of at least one-quarter (0.25) acre with a natural or naturalized ground cover (excluding
14 manicured turf grass) and that has an average density of two (2) or more viable trees per one thousand
15 five hundred (1,500) square feet with a DBH of six (6) inches or greater. The land area to be considered
16 Woods shall be measured from the outer drip lines of the outer trees." He feels this should be
17 considered for a woods definition in the Township ordinance.
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19 Bryan received the newsletter "The Leaflet" from Willistown Trust. It contains an article about the
20 Ashbridge Preserve. He was going to write an article about this, but will contact Willistown to ask
21 permission to use their article instead.
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23 Bryan had an article entitled "Trees That Put Green in Your Pocket" from the Wall Street Journal about
24 the value of street trees. Scott commented that the Township should not plant just one type of tree.
25 They should mix them and use trees that will survive in the area where they are being planted.
26 Janet mentioned that in Marydell, many of the street trees died. Some were in wet areas, etc. She agrees
27 but it may not be viable unless the CB is consulted.
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29 Rachael asked what is being done in Supplee Valley. Sandy explained that a sewer pipe is being
30 repaired. Since it is a wetland, the Township will use gravel and stones to make a path for the
31 equipment. Scott suggested that, after this work is done, the Township should move the gravel and
32 stones to the edge of the road and make a walking path to the picnic area. Scott made a motion to
33 suggest that the Township look into using these materials for a path along Reservoir Road in response to
34 a request from homeowners in that area. Rachael seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sandy will
35 contact Mark Miller. Rachael voiced concern too about the area along the Reservoir between Paoli Pike
36 and Rt. 3. She mentioned that a path is needed there because so many people including children walk
37 there to fish in the reservoir.
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39 Rachael asked if the BOS would supply water proof boots for the CB to safely walk in the wet areas
40 when doing plantings. They should be large enough for regular footwear to fit in and come up to the
41 knee. Her boots were ruined. Sandy will check with CRC to see what kind of boots they use. These
42 would be kept in the Public Works garage and available for those people doing plantings.
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44 **LIAISON REPORTS**

45 Historical Commission – Judy reported that the historic area has been converted back to the
46 Revolutionary War era. Also, there is a new display of artwork in the Blacksmith Shop.
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48 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

49 Judy asked for clarification of the Weed Inc proposal for work at the Blacksmith Shop. Ginnie
50 explained that the work is done only in the wetlands. Sandy assured Judy that there is no spraying in the
51 immediate historic area.
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53 Bill Egan mentioned, in regards to woods, that he was reminded that the BOS thought it was a good idea
54 to put wood chips around the trees in Clymer's Woods.

1 He received a constant contact from the Township website with an article about the Ashbridge Preserve.
2 He and his wife took a walk through there.
3 The street trees planted 20 years ago in Mill Creek will never become a woods. They should have been
4 planted behind the houses where they could connect with the other wooded areas.
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7 **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rachael
8 seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was
9 adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
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12 Respectfully submitted,
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16 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

Memo

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Date: November 26, 2013

To: Conservancy Board

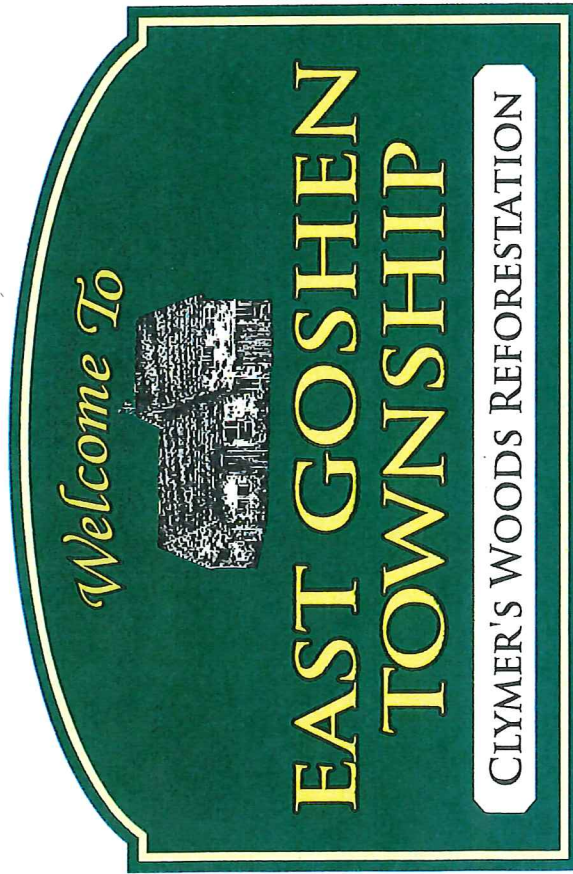
From: Rick Smith, Township Manager

Re: Clymer's Wood

Paoli Pike serves as the eastern gateway to East Goshen Township. It has been suggested that we should install some additional signage to let people know what is going on at Clymer's Woods.

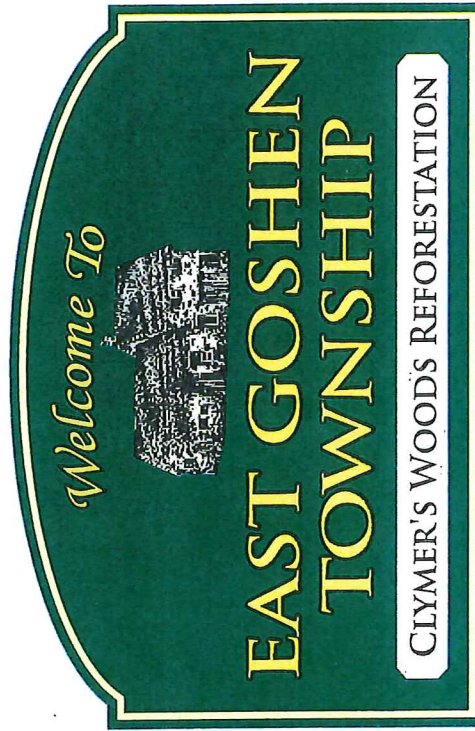
Attached is a suggested sign that would be installed in Clymer's Woods at Paoli Pike and Line Road. We would remove the existing Welcome to East Goshen sign on the north side of Paoli Pike.

Please let me know if the sign is acceptable to the Conservancy Board, and/or if you have any changes.



48 x 72

carved HDU with gold leaf
one side with hanging hardware
for between posts



40 x 60

carved HDU with gold leaf
one side with hanging hardware
for between posts

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

November 26, 2013

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Township has received a request from the owners of 1662 E. Boot Rd., West Chester, PA, 19380, to remove their property from the Township Historic Resource Inventory. The Township Zoning Ordinance, §240-38.4, outlines the procedure for a request of this nature.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners and residents within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of these types of zoning requests.

The meetings scheduled for the review and discussion of this request are outlined below and subject to change without additional notice.

CORRECTED DATE

December 12, 2013 – Historical Commission meeting (7:00 PM)

Please note my original letter dated November 21, 2013 had an incorrect meeting date. The date should be **December 12, 2013**

January 7, 2014 – Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM)

All meetings are held at the Township Building and are open to the public. The information pertaining to this request is available for review during normal business hours at the Township Building. Please call the Township if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions