

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
December 11, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Sandra Snyder, Scott Sanders, Virginia Newlin, Rachael Burgos, and Walter Wujcik. Others present were: Janet Emanuel, Township Supervisor; Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer; Erich Meyer Park & Recreation Commission; 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 November 13, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.

**SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

**1637 Manley Road** – Mark Gordon explained that the Township received a Subdivision Plan for 1637 Manley Road, which proposes to subdivide the 5 acre parcel into two lots. The new lot will be 1.2 acres. He introduced John Smirga, engineer for the owner Patricia O’Neil. John showed the plan to the Board members. On the plan he shows the riparian buffer zones along the stream. He sent a LOMA to FEMA for the floodplain delineation. The only wetlands are in the stream bank. With the floodplain and stormwater management taken out of the lot size, they are still at 84% utilization. The crest of the incline on Manley Road is very near where the proposed driveway will be. He had a traffic study done to determine the sight line and several trees that are in the right-of-way will have to be removed. John walked the property and counted about 70 large trees, 12” or more, which are mostly maples, oaks and beeches. He feels they will only have to remove about 7 trees for the proposed new house. John will put tape on the 7 trees. There is a buyer for the larger lot and existing house. There is a builder for this new lot. Scott made a motion to recommend that the Planning Commission recommend approval of the two lot subdivision at 1637 Manley Road. Rachael seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sandy thanked Mark and John for including the Board in this preliminary review. She mentioned that the Board wants to walk the lot with the builder before the development plans are approved.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

1. 2013 Budget - Weeds Inc – Sandy received an invoice for spraying for \$400. The cover letter lists what he sprayed and it looks like everything was done. He mentioned that he would return to spray in November, so another invoice may come for that.
  
2. PEC (PA Environmental Council) – Ginnie commented that PEC has been a good supporter of the CB in the past, even helping with plantings. Scott moved to pay the basic fee of \$50. Walter seconded the motion. There was discussion about giving an additional amount as a donation. A donation will give the CB members attendance at educational seminars at a discount or for free. Scott amended the motion to add a donation of \$25 - \$75 will be the total. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The deer rub damage to the new plantings in Applebrook is noticeable. Two forms of protection for the trees, wire cages and tubes, were discussed. The Township has all of the supplies to make the cages. Erich offered to help install the cages if they can be ready by Saturday. Ginnie mentioned that there are 50 trees. She feels the tubes would be easier to put on the trees. Sandy will contact Mark Miller to see if Public Works can cut the wire for the cages. It was decided that, since there is a need for the tubes, they should be purchased now so they will be available when needed. Scott made a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$400 to purchase tubes for tree protection. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Scott will investigate pricing for the tubes. Sandy will let everyone know if the cages will be ready for Saturday, Dec. 14. If so, meet at 9 am.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Clymer's Woods Township Sign - Rick Smith provided drawings of the proposed sign to be installed at Clymer's Woods. The existing sign on the northwest side of the intersection of Line Road and Paoli Pike will be removed. The new sign will be installed on the southwest side of the intersection. Bill Egan suggested putting more information about the project on the back of the sign. Ginnie mentioned that there is a kiosk sign along the path that has that information. Sandy was glad that the Board of Supervisors wants to do this. The CB approved the sign. Sandy will notify Rick.

## **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

1. Additional Trees – Ginnie provided pricing from Woodlawn for trees to be planted now. These would replace the dead trees that Mark Miller removed. It was decided not to plant trees now. Scott will investigate pricing for a planting in the spring. Sandy suggested that the CB pick a date for a spring planting at their next meeting in January. She feels there would be more volunteers if the CB gives at least a 6 week notice of a planting.
2. Recycling - Sandy had a copy of the West Bradford Newsletter which has a section dedicated to recycling. They give the amount of recyclables collected and if there was an increase. They also mention if there is a rebate. Bill Egan mentioned that the green bins that the Township provides for recycling are too small. They should be as big as a trash can. Also, the recycling label comes off the trash can after the second use. Erich commented that some trash cans may become too heavy to lift. Walter will contact Rick Smith to see if these recycling statistics are available to put in the new East Goshen newsletter.
3. Annual ABC Meeting – This annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11. Sandy asked everyone to come to the January meeting ready to work on goals for 2014.
4. Also in January, the Board must elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

Board of Supervisors - Janet reported that they have to find another health insurance program for WEGO. Because of the new health care law, Blue Cross/Blue Shield no longer offers the plan that they had for WEGO.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rachael seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary