

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**

March 12, 2014

7:00 P.M.

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Walter Wujcik, Scott Sanders, Erich Meyer and Sandy Snyder. Others present were: Janet Emanuel, Township Supervisor; Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer; Arthur Jones, resident

CALL TO ORDER

Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember our troops.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Walter noted that the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Walter announced that Ginnie Newlin has been appointed East Goshen Township Poet Laurette and will not be serving on the Conservancy Board.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

1. **1662 E. Boot Rd** – Nick Vastardis was present and representing Renehan Building Group. Nick explained that the existing house was removed from the Historic Resources List in January by the Board of Supervisors, and will be demolished. The property will be divided into 3 lots. Only 9 trees will be removed. Infiltration systems will be located at the rear of the properties with swales to them. They will have public water and the existing barn will remain. Sandy asked him to use native species and limit to ten of the same species in one place. Nick thanked the Board for allowing him to speak first.
2. **1637 Manley Rd** - John Smirga, engineer and Bill Mullray of Mullray Builders were present. John mentioned that the Conservancy Board reviewed this plan as part of the sub-division process. Mullray Builders is the equitable owner. The house footprint is slightly bigger than on the sub-division plan. They could not get a perc rate, so they will install a rain garden, which will contain 29 plants. Water will be caught in pipes and go back to a level spreader. The sub-division plan showed 9 trees on the site to be removed and 10 on the road. This revised plan shows 11 trees on the site and only 6 along the road to be removed. The plan indicates only a few of the larger trees on the property. There are about 97 trees that are 12” or bigger. The trees to be removed are flagged. Mr. Mullray commented that he includes a landscape package with his homes. Walter suggested that they include some understory trees so they will be there to fill in when the older trees die. Mr. Smirga has not submitted a land development plan with a landscaping plan yet. Mark suggested that the Board could make a motion with a condition to use only trees and shrubs on the township list. The Board did not make a motion and wants to see the actual landscape plan when it is ready.

The Board thanked Erich for the large color pictures he provided of these 2 locations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Liaisons – Erich will be the liaison to the Planning Commission and Sandy will attend the Open Space Plan meetings.
2. New Members – Janet mentioned that the Board is a 7 member board and currently has 4 active members and 1 on a leave of absence. The Board of Supervisors wants recommendations for new members. Walter commented that the Conservancy Board would like to have one of its members present when the BOS does an interview of a prospective member. Sandy suggested putting a sign up at Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day. Scott will write a notice for the next newsletter.
3. Clymer's Woods Sign – Ginnie was working on this so Walter will check with Mark Miller.
4. Friends of East Goshen – Tabled until the April meeting.
5. Spring Planting – The Board selected the last weekend in April, 26th/27th rain date, for the spring planting. They will select a site and type of plantings at the April meeting.

2014 GOALS

1. Rain Barrel (April 30) – Walter will contact Bill Coffey about this.
2. Alternative recycling containers (July 1) – No discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Protection - A date to put the protectors on the trees will be selected at the April meeting.
2. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day April 5, 2014 - Janet commented that the Board of Supervisors has assigned this event to the Conservancy Board. Walter reported that he received an email with names of some volunteers. Since this is the Board's first year, they will concentrate on contacting the people/groups that have volunteered in the past. Since the date for this year is April 5th, the items they have to take care of are:

- Reserve the large meeting room and small activities room. Sue Smith orders all of the bags, vests, and food. She also sets up the food that day.
- Contact past participants including the CRC.
- Notify the Police of the event and where people will be picking up debris.
- Contact the other ABCs for help with the sign-in and distribution of materials
- Give Mark Miller the street assignments so Public Works knows where to pick up bags. Also let him know what other days and where there will be pick-ups.
- Make sure participants report the number of bags and where they left them.

After the event is over, Sue Smith sends a report to the State. The CB must give a report to the BOS. Plaques for who collected the most need to be ordered. Send "thank you" via email, and the township website and sign. Erich commented about trash vs recycles. Sandy agreed that they pick up mostly recycles. Maybe next year use different colored bags. Sandy will be the lead this year.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Park & Rec – Erich reported that the new amphitheater in East Goshen Park will be done by mid-June. They are starting to set up programs.

ANY OTHER MATTER

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erich 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