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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
May 6, 2014 – 6:30pm
Draft Minutes**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Senya D. Isayeff, and Supervisors Carmen Battavio, Chuck Proctor and Janet Emanuel. Also present were Township Manager Rick Smith, CFO Jon Altshul, and ABC member Erich Meyer (Conservancy Board).

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session from 6:30pm to 7:04pm for ABC interviews.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and asked Janet to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Marty called for a moment of silence to honor the troops and all those in uniform who keep us safe.

Recording of Meeting

No one indicated they would be recording the meeting.

Chairman's Report

Marty announced that the Board met in Executive Session on April 29 and earlier this evening to conduct ABC interviews. The Board will also meet in Executive Session after this meeting.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Request to Relocate Drainage Swale in Fairway Village

Residents Steve & Amber Ryan of 925 St. Andrews Drive in Fairway Village were present to seek the Township's assistance with flooding in their back yard. The Ryans would like the Township to move the swale located behind their property (intended to convey stormwater from the east end of the development to the retention basin) further out into the development's open space.

Rick stated that because the swale is on private property and is not located within a Township stormwater easement, the Township cannot relocate or rehabilitate the swale.

Marty told the Ryans that the Board's hands are tied in a situation like this where the Township has no easement on the property. The Township cannot do anything about water issues on private property. The solution would probably involve the Ryans joining forces with other affected property owners and contacting their HOA for assistance in moving the swale to the open space.

1 *Public Comment: Donna Saul, 927 St. Andrews Drive* – Stated that the problem began when
2 The Reserve was built, a project which was approved by the Township Supervisors. Marty
3 informed her that the majority of stormwater runoff from the Reserve is directed toward the
4 creek on the east side of the Reserve – away from Fairway Village. Ms. Saul stated she does not
5 understand why the Township was allowed to go onto another neighbor’s property to replace a
6 storm sewer pipe and take down a tree, but cannot help in this situation.

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8 *Public Comment: Steve & Amber Ryan, 925 St. Andrews Drive* – The Ryans asked who
9 originally put in the swale, and the Board said the developer did. The Ryans noted that the fence
10 that was originally on their property line has shifted as a result of all the water. In addition to the
11 flooding problem, they are now concerned about a mosquito issue due to the standing water left
12 behind after rain.

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14 Marty said the Board will take another look at this matter along with Rick Smith and Mark
15 Miller, and will put this issue on an agenda for a future meeting.

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17 **Request to Replace Culvert Under Line Road**

18 Willistown Resident David Kirby was present along with his attorney John Good and his
19 engineer Denny Howell of D.L. Howell & Associates.

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21 Mr. Kirby would like permission to replace a 36-inch stormwater pipe under Line Road with
22 two 48-inch pipes at his own expense. He believes that installing the larger pipe will alleviate
23 a problem with the pipe frequently clogging with debris and flooding his property. The Board
24 had discussed this matter in December and tabled it pending additional information from the
25 Township Engineer regarding potential impact to downstream properties.

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27 Per the Township Engineer, an initial analysis of the data supplied by D. L. Howell & Associates
28 indicates the feasibility of the proposed pipe diameter increase. However, additional design and
29 permitting remain to make a final determination and confirm that the impacts to downstream
30 property owners are reasonable and that the pipe replacement is able to be constructed.

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32 Mr. Good reiterated that Mr. Kirby will have the work completed at his own expense, and will
33 obtain the necessary permits from East Goshen and Willistown. He stated that Thorncroft has
34 agreed to sign a release form indemnifying East Goshen, Willistown and Mr. Kirby from any
35 liability related to this project.

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37 Marty said the Township is concerned about erosion and environmental issues downstream of
38 Mr. Kirby’s property. This matter was discussed with Mr. Howell. Mr. Good said the
39 agreement can be altered to provide that Mr. Kirby will plug one of the 48-inch pipes at his own
40 expense if East Goshen determines at a later point that there is a liability issue downstream.

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42 Mr. Good then asked the Board how they felt about this matter and whether his client should
43 proceed in his pursuit of this project. Carmen said if the Township Engineer is agreeable to this
44 project, then he would be okay with it. Janet said she would like Mr. Kirby’s engineer and the
45 Township Engineer to come to an agreement on this before she will feel comfortable. Chuck
46 said he does not see how this project will resolve the problem on Mr. Kirby’s property. Marty

1 said if the two engineers can work this out to the satisfaction of each other and the Supervisors of
2 East Goshen, the Township would probably be willing to go along with this project.

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4 Mr. Good thanked the Board for their time and input.

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6 **Utilities Collection Resolution 2014-44**

7 The Board agreed to table this resolution again until Chuck can discuss several concerns he has
8 about it with Township Solicitor Kristin Camp. Senya expressed disappointment that the
9 Township Solicitor did not pick up on the items of Chuck's concern during her review of this
10 document.

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12 **Replacement of Mini Camera for Televising Sewer Laterals**

13 The Board agreed to table this matter until staff provides the necessary information required for
14 consideration of this request.

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16 **Purchase of Pre-Seeder for Lawn Restoration**

17 The Board agreed to table this matter until staff provides the necessary information required for
18 consideration of this request.

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20 **Offer by Resident Donald C. Ruddy to Donate 1410 Linden Lane to Township**

21 The Board received an offer from resident Donald C. Ruddy to donate his property at 1410
22 Linden Lane to the Township for use as open space. Chuck moved that the Township not accept
23 this offer. Senya seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board
24 voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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26 **Any Other Matter**

27 **Website Committee** - Marty moved to appoint the following individuals to the new Website
28 Committee: Jason Banks, Joseph D'Antonio Jr., Paul Grothmann, David Hewett, Erich Meyer,
29 and Jack Reidy. These residents will work on ways to update and improve the Township
30 website. Senya seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The Board
31 voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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33 **Review of Minutes**

34 The Board reviewed the draft minutes of April 16 and requested that the Recording Secretary
35 rework them and resubmit them as draft minutes for approval at the next meeting.

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37 The Board reviewed the draft minutes of April 22 and had no changes. Marty stated that the
38 minutes would stand approved as submitted.

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40 **Treasurer's Report & Expenditure Register Report**

41 *See attached Treasurer's Report for May 1, 2014.* The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report
42 and the current invoices. Carmen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and the Expenditure
43 Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, to accept the receipts and to authorize
44 payment of the invoices just reviewed. Senya seconded the motion. There was no further
45 discussion and no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

1 **Action List**

2 **Comprehensive Plan** – The group’s next meeting is scheduled for June 23, where the revised
3 chapters in the new format will be discussed. An extension will be requested from the County.
4 **Open Space Plan** – The revised format will be reviewed at the May 15 Task Force meeting.
5 **Hershey Mill Dam** – DEP is waiting for additional information on the connection between the
6 existing spillway and the new spillway. The Board members informed the staff that they would
7 like representatives from the Save Our Dam group to attend an upcoming Board meeting.
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9 **Correspondence & Reports of Interest**

10 Marty acknowledged receipt of the following items:

- 11 • An April 18 letter from PA DOT regarding Greenhill Road.
- 12 • An April 21 letter from residents John & Jeanette D’Orta regarding the proposed Sunoco
13 Pipeline Pump Station.

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15 Marty directed Rick to request PA DOT provide the Township with a schedule for the planned
16 repairs to Greenhill Road. Carmen would like WEGO to provide a written statement to the BOS
17 regarding the hazardous conditions currently on Greenhill Road.
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19 **Meetings & Dates of Importance**

20 Marty noted the upcoming meetings as listed in the agenda.
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22 **Public Comment Period**

23 None.
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25 **Fire Marshal Report**

26 Carmen reported on a call he received on April 29 regarding open burning at a residence on
27 Treemont Drive. He responded to the call, explained the regulations to the resident, and had the
28 fire extinguished.
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30 **Adjournment**

31 There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.
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33 **Executive Session**

34 The Board met in Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter
35 and a legal matter.
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39 Anne Meddings

40 Recording Secretary

41 *Attachments: Treasurer’s Report*