

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING  
November 12, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at the East Goshen Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walter Wujcik at 7:00 pm. Board members present were: Scott Sanders, Erich Meyer, John Scheidt and Sandy Snyder. Others present were: Janet Emanuel, Township Supervisor; Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer; Ginnie Newlin and new CB member, Patti Brown.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our veterans.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Walter noted that the October 8, 2014 minutes were approved as corrected.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Walter welcomed Patti Brown who was just appointed as a member of the Conservancy Board by the Board of Supervisors.
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**SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

1131 N Chester Road - Andrew Eberwein of Edward B. Walsh & Associates was present. Mark explained that this is a 2 acre lot to be divided into 2 lots. The tree protection plan shows the 4 trees to be removed where a house would be built. This is a wooded lot with approx. 52 trees, all over 12” in diameter. They want to keep as many trees as possible.

Andy pointed out that the driveway will come in from Atlee Drive. There is a 40” beech tree at the entrance that they want to save. So, they are asking for a waiver to put the drive closer to the property line. They are asking for a waiver from the tree protection for 16 trees. They are also asking for relief to provide a landscape plan at this time, since the lot hasn’t been sold. Andrew selected the largest house that would fit on this lot but the actual house could be smaller.

Scott feels the waiver from the tree protection is reasonable. Andy will put a condition on the plan that the minimum plant list will be required. Mark will have Pennoni look at the list to be sure the selected plants can grow on a wooded lot.

John asked if the new owners would have the ability to change the plant list. Mark said yes as long as it is like for like. Ginnie asked what type of trees would be impacted. She was told maples or beeches. She commented that maples should be okay but beech trees are sensitive.

Sandy made a motion to recommend approval conditioned upon the applicant listing the proposed varieties and number of plants. The Township Staff will confirm that the required plants are installed. Eric seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mark will write a letter to the Planning Commission.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

Wooded Lot – The Board members reviewed Mark’s proposed definition for a wooded lot as follows: A wooded lot is any lot having two or more viable trees, six inches or greater in DBH per 1500 square feet of gross lot area, exclusive of street right of way. Scott cautioned about legacy trees. The State had a committee set up a list of champion trees but he feels that people who have this type of tree do want to preserve them. He agrees with the suggested wooded lot definition. Scott has a book from PA that lists the champion trees and has a definition in the front. He will provide a copy for Mark.

Scott moved that they recommend that the Planning Commission consider adding the definition for “Wooded Lot” to the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. This definition is consistent with the definition of “woods” in the Stormwater Management ordinance. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Comprehensive Plan – Mark reported that the BOS has selected a new consultant and hopes to start working on the rewrite of this plan in January 2015.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Goshen Meadows – Mark explained that the owner of this apartment complex had a lot of damage last winter to evergreens. The list of plants/trees that they submitted for landscaping around the new buildings includes White Spruce, which are not on the Township's list of recommended trees. The township engineer has reviewed the list and is recommending that the White Spruce be added to the list since it holds up better in the snow. Sandy moved to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the landscape species changes for the Goshen Meadows Land Development plan as outlined in the Pennoni letter dated October 27, 2014. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mark will prepare a draft for adding the White Spruce and Norway Spruce to the recommended list of trees.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

1. 2014 GOALS – The goals were reviewed. Regarding recycling bins, the Board recommends no change in current bins so, Sandy will write a letter to the BOS. The rain barrel was taken in for the winter. It will need a sign in the Spring. Eric will research the information to go on the sign.

2. Newsletter – Scott will write an article for the next newsletter.

3. Bald Cypress - Eric and Scott will pick up this last tree to be planted on E. Boot Road. They will have Mark Miller put a plaque on it to honor Bryan Del Monte and his years of service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary