# EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

# **Meeting Agenda**

# Wednesday, January 7, 2015

# 7:00 PM

Workshop Session: 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM (Conference Room - Open to the Public)

Formal Meeting: 7:30PM (Board Room - Open to the Public)

- A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
- B. Chairman will ask if anyone is going to record the meeting
- C. Review of Tracking Log / Determine need for Workshop Meeting
- D. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- E. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. December 3, 2014
- F. Subdivision and Land Development Applications
  - 1. 1131 N. Chester Rd.
- G. Conditional Uses and Variances
  - 1. 1331 E. Strasburg Rd. (Dimensional Variances)
- H. Ordinance Amendments
  - 1. Public Utility Definitions
  - 2. Wooded Lot Definition (For Discussion)
- I. Comprehensive Plan Update
  - 1. Township Bus Tour January 10, 2015 @ 10 AM (after Annual Planning Session)
- J. Old Business
- K. New Business
- L. 2014 Goals
- M. Any Other Matter
- N. Liaison Reports
- O. Dates of Importance

Jan 01, 2015	New Year's Day	New Year's Day				
	Office Closed					
Jan 05, 2015	Reorganization/Formal Meeting	7:00 pm				
Jan 07, 2015	Planning Commission	7:00 pm				
Jan 08, 2015	Historical Commission	7:00 pm				
Jan 08, 2015	Park Commission	7:00 pm				
Jan 10, 2015	2015 Annual Planning Session	8:00 am				
	Comp Plan Bus Tour	10:00 – 12:30 am				

Spring Newsletter articles due: January 30, 2015

Spring Newsletter Approximate Mailing date: April 1, 2014

Bold Items indicate new information to review.

# East Goshen Township Planning Commission Application Tracking Log

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Hearing Date	Ϋ́	1/21/2015	
BOS NLT Action Date	1/20/2015	1/20/2015	
PC NLT Action Date	1/7/2015	1/7/2015	
Extension			
Date to Abutting Prop. / ABC's	10/16/2014	12/18/2014	
Date to CCPC	10/16/2014	ΑN	
Date to Township Engineer	10/16/2014	ĄN	
Start Date	11/5/2014	12/5/2014	
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Application (CU,LD,O, SD,V, SE, CA	$\neg$	ZHB	PC action
Application Name	1131 N. Chester Rd.	1331 E. Strasburg Ln.	Bold = New Application or PC action required

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612 Meadow Ln.	200 Margaret Ln	1372 Enterprise Dr.	1331 E. Strasburg Rd.	1662 E. Boot Rd	1454 Glenbrook Ln.	1641 Manley Rd.	1637 Manley Rd.	1131 N. Chester Rd.	1556 Millrace Ln.	1336 Enterprise Drive	Sunoco

1 Draft 2 EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP 3 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 4 December 3, 2014 5 6 The East Goshen Township Planning Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 7 December 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building. Members present were: Chairman 8 Dan Daley, Al Zuccarello, Sue Carty, Jim McRee, Monica Close and George Martynick. Also present 9 was Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer; and Janet Emanuel, Township Supervisor. Adam Knox arrived at 10 8:45 pm. 11 12 **COMMON ACRONYMS:** 13 BOS – Board of Supervisors CPTF - Comprehensive Plan Task Force 14 BC – Brandywine Conservancy CVS - Community Visioning Session 15 CB – Conservancy Board SWM - Storm Water Management 16 17 A. INFORMAL MEETING - 7:00 18 1. Dan reviewed the Tracking Log. A letter was received from the Conservancy Board and the 19 Chester County Planning Commission for 1131 N Chester Road. No action is needed at this meeting. 20 612 Meadow Lane is a sketch plan for a 2-car garage. George suggested that a 1-car garage 21 won't impact the neighbor. 22 200 Margaret Lane – Home Occupation – fire arms – needs action at this meeting. 23 1372 Enterprise Drive – Star printing – the building is vacant. There will be no exterior changes. 24 2. Wooded Lot Definition - The Conservancy Board has made a recommendation. Mark 25 explained his research on this. 26 3. Solar Draft – Mark suggests consolidating. 27 4. Minutes from November 5 were reviewed. 28 29 B. FORMAL MEETING - 7:00 PM 30 1. Dan called the meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence 31 to remember our troops. 32 2. Dan asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response. 33 3. Dan reviewed the tracking log. 34 3. Dan noted that the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting were approved as corrected. 35 36 D. CONDITIONAL USE & VARIANCES 37 1. 1372 Enterprise Dr., Star Printing (CU) – James J. Byrne, Esq. and Allan Swanson, owner, 38 were present. Jim mentioned that renovations will be inside of the building. The exterior and parking 39 will remain the same. Mr. Swanson commented that they are equitable owners of the property. He 40 purchased the business in 1978. They do offset and digital printing. There is no retail. There will be deliveries. They are OSHA approved. The inks are soy based and are absorbed in rags which are picked 41 42 up and cleaned each week. 95% of what they use is non-flammable. They will be using the entire building. There is a monthly mailing so they need space for storage. 35% of the business is digital. There 43 is no plan for a stand-alone sign. They may put something on the building. Mark asked them to present a 44 45 sign package for the Board of Supervisors to review. There will be some weekend hours. Mark 46 mentioned that the ordinance does not allow for deliveries or trash pickup before 7:00 am. 47 Al made a motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the conditional use application for 48 Star Printing and the printing and publishing establishment use, as depicted in the application and the 49 applicant's descriptions provided during their presentation to the Planning Commission, with the 50 following condition: 1. The applicant will follow all applicable federal, state and local ordinances and 51 secure all proper permits prior to use and occupancy of the property. Jim seconded the motion. There

was no further discussion or public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

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- 2. 612 Meadow Drive, (sketch plan for Variance Request) Owners, Susan and James Christenson were present. Mr. Christenson explained that he travels frequently. He needs the larger garage to store 3 cars. The current shed will be removed. He has spoken with his neighbor, Alan Connelly at 610 Meadow Drive, about the garage. Mr. Christenson was president of the Meadows Estate Association for 20 years so he is aware of aesthetics. He has looked at placing the garage in the back yard. He had the property surveyed. The fence in the backyard is actually on the neighbor's yard. If it was added to the house, they would have to go further around the house to access the rear of the house. Dan explained that from the Planning Commission, the plan will go to the Board of Supervisors and finally to the Zoning Hearing Board. He spoke about several options to make things fit on the lot better. Mark explained that this is a constrained property because of the pie shape with less than 1/3 of the lot where they can place the house and garage. Sue advised them to focus on the constraints of the property. They are planning to start the project in April 2015.
- 3. 200 Margaret Lane (Home Occupation CU) Donald G Eastburn, Jr. was present. He has been in the business of transferring firearms for 32.5 years, 23.5 in East Goshen. He has Federal, State and County Licenses. Years ago he had to renew his Federal license and they required written approval from the Township. At that time, home occupations weren't in the ordinance so the Township gave him a letter. When people purchase firearms online, they select a Transfer Agent (Mr. Eastburn) and the order is sent to him. He calls the client, makes an appointment with them, contacts the state police to do the background check and transfers the firearm to them. He does not have an inventory at his house and does not handle ammunition. He is required and does have a safe to store the firearms until the client picks it up. His Class 1 license is for hand guns and rifles only. In the last 2 weeks, he had 7 customers. The largest number of customers was after the shooting at the school in CT. He only serves one customer at a time and does no advertising.

# PUBLIC COMMENT:

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- 27 203 Baldwin Dr., John J. & Sylvia McKeon He and his wife are concerned about the children in the neighborhood and wanted to know why they weren't notified about this before.
- Mark explained that in 1991 there was no ordinance for home occupations. Mr. Eastburn has been very cooperative. The ATF verified that Mr. Eastburn is licensed and that they check his books on a regular basis.
- 32 Mark explained what a Conditional Use is.
- 33 1322 Katherine Lane, William Schwenk. He is concerned about possible robberies and that this may
- lower the value of his home. He has lived here for 30 years and never knew about it. He does not want
- guns being sold in his neighborhood. He asked if the township gets any benefit from this business. Mark answered no.
- 37 1324 Mark Drive, John Lowe. He has lived here for 14 years. There is a school bus stop in front of Mr.
- 38 Eastburn's house and 2 schools within 4000 feet of the neighborhood. He did some research and found
- Mr. Eastburn's name on 7 websites with a map of the neighborhood.
- 40 1372 Mark Drive, Lisa Krause. When UPS makes a delivery do they leave the package? Mr. Eastburn
- answered that someone 21 years or older must be there to sign for the delivery or else UPS takes the package back.
- 1325 Katherine, Sam Pogharian. He suggested that Mr. Eastburn should work for Models or Dicks. He quoted the township motto to protect the future.
- Mark verified with Mr. Eastburn that he read the standards for Conditional Use in 240-31(c) of the township ordinance. Mark read the list of standards and asked Mr. Eastburn to answer each one.
- Dan explained that the Board of Supervisors will hold a Conditional Use Hearing on December 16, 2014.
- The residents can attend the hearing and voice their concerns. There are conditions to this use. If Mr.
- Eastburn expands his business or is no longer in compliance, he will have to reapply for a new permit.
- Al asked if police departments/gun clubs go through him. Mr. Eastburn answered no to clubs but does
- 52 help the police departments.

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Adam made a motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the conditional use application for the home occupation of Mr. Eastburn at 200 Margaret Lane with the following condition:

1. The applicant will follow all applicable, Federal, State and Local ordinances and secure all proper permits prior to continuing the Home Occupation use on the property. Jim seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes.

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# E. ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

- 1. Wooded Lot <u>Definition</u> The suggested definition was approved by the Conservancy Board. Dan feels that the term "DBH" needs to be defined. Dan had Mark verify that, if a lot is not considered wooded, and the owner wants to take down all the tress, he can do that without having to replace any trees. Mark verified this statement is correct. Dan feels the inch for inch replacement is too stringent. This was tabled until the January 2015 meeting.
- 2. <u>Solar</u> The draft was reviewed and a few changes were made. It will go to the County for review.

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#### D. ANY OTHER MATTER

- 1. Comprehensive Plan Janet mentioned that the Chester County Planning Commission has approved a grant for this. We have 11 months to finish it. Tom Comitta has planned a tour for Saturday January 10, 2015 for the CP Committee members. All of the Planning Commission members will serve on the CP Committee. Janet will be Chairman of this new committee.
- 2. Dan thanked Sue for her years of service on the Planning Commission. This is her last meeting and she will be missed.

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# E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Adam moved to adjourn the meeting and Al seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on January 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,	
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Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

# Memorandum

**East Goshen Township** 1580 Paoli Pike

West Chester, PA 19380

Fax:

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E-mail: mgordon@eastgoshen.org

**Date:** 12/30/2014

**Planning Commission** 

From: Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer

Re: Collection of the Collectio

Re:

Callaghan SD&LD / 1131 N. Chester Rd.

Dear Commissioners,

The Township Engineer has reviewed the revised SD & LD plans for this application and the plans and has determined them to be adequate to recommend approval with conditions at this time.

# **DRAFT MOTION:**

Mr. Chairman, I move that we recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Preliminary / Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan and grant the waivers requested for 1131 N. Chester Rd. as depicted on the plans dated 9/26/2014 last revised 11/20/2014 for the creation of one new residential building lot with the following conditions:

- 1. The Applicant shall revise the plans to address all remaining comments outlined in the Township Engineer's review letter dated 12/30/2014 prior to the Board of Supervisors execution of the final plans.
- 2. The applicant will follow all applicable federal, State and Local laws and secure all proper permits prior to construction of the improvements depicted on the plans.
- 3. The applicant shall pay an Impact fee of \$396.25 per trip for the project and the \$2,000 sanitary sewer tap in fee prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- 4. The applicant agrees to replace any tree, within the tree protection zone, that dies prior to the issuance of certificates of use and occupancy with similar trees at a ratio of two (2) trees for each tree that dies.



December 30, 2014

**EGOS 0116** 

Mark A. Gordon
Director of Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer
East Goshen Township
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

RE: James J. Callaghan, Jr. (Lot 2), 1311 N. Chester Road (SR 352)
Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development – Revised Submission

Dear Mr. Gordon:

As requested, we have reviewed the following information, prepared by Edward B. Walsh & Associates, Inc., regarding the referenced submission:

- "Subdivision Plan for James J. Callaghan, Jr." (five sheets) dated September 26, 2014, last revised November 20, 2014; "Stormwater Management Report" dated October 1, 2014, last revised December 8, 2014; and
- Response letter dated December 8, 2014 and supplemental information.

The owner/applicant, James J. Callaghan, Jr., of West Chester, proposes to subdivide UPI No. 53-2-31.2 (1.989 acres) into two residential lots; Lot 1 (1.0 acre) will contain an existing residence, and Lot 2 (0.989 acre) will contain a new single-family detached dwelling. The applicant is additionally proposing an underground seepage bed for stormwater management and a private on-lot well and public sanitary sewer service for Lot 2; an on-lot well and public sanitary sewer service exists for Lot 1. The parcel is located on the south side of Atlee Drive (T-651), 300± feet east of its intersection with North Chester Road (SR 352), within the R-2 Low Density Residential zoning district. Lot 1 is accessed by an existing driveway to SR 352 via an existing right-of-way south of the property and through UPI Nos. 53-2-29, -30 and -31.1; a new driveway is proposed for Lot 2 to Atlee Drive.

The applicant received a zoning variance from §240-9.G, requiring a minimum lot area of one (1) acre in the R-2 district, for Lot 2 at the Zoning Hearing Board's May 21, 2014 meeting. Additionally, the applicant received approval from the Conservancy Board at their November 12, 2014 meeting conditioned upon the applicant listing the proposed varieties and number of plants.

The applicant has requested five (5) waivers, as noted on Sheet 1:

- 1. From §205-35.G requiring no grading within five (5) feet of an adjoining tract;
- 2. From §205-55.B requiring side lot lines to be radial to curved street lines;
- 3. From \$205-62 requiring 3-inch caliper (minimum) street trees on forty-foot centers;
- 4. From §205-7 requiring a tree protection zone (TPZ) 25 feet from the trunk of the tree to be retained or the distance from the trunk to the dripline, whichever is greater; and
- 5. From §205-66.A requiring a public water supply for residential single-family detached dwellings on lots of less than one (1) acre.

The following comments from our October 31, 2014 review letter remain outstanding (new comments in *italics*):

- 1. Clear sight triangles and sight distances in accordance with §240-23.D(11) and §205-57.D(4) should be indicated at the proposed driveway.
  - Per §240-23.D(11), the applicant should review whether the existing vegetation on Atlee Drive, within the westbound sight lines, shall be removed and/or cut back.
- 2. The developer shall submit an overall landscape plan in accordance with §205-35. (§240-27.D, §205-30.D(2)) No more than 20% of the trees on any wooded lot may be cleared or removed. (§205-61.C)

As the Conservancy Board has reviewed and accepted the plan, we have no further comments. However, we recommend the following minor items be addressed:

- a. The plan should indicate the locations, size and grade of the proposed plantings will be indicated prior to building permit approval. (§205-35)
- b. The waiver to defer the submission of a landscape plan (Note 7) should be listed with the referenced waivers on Sheet 1, as applicable. (§205-30.D(2))
- c. Regarding the TPZ, a waiver should be additionally requested from  $\S 205-63.A(1)$ .
- d. The tree protection fence for the 40-inch beech tree should encompass the trunk.
- 3. The following minor issues have not been met and/or should be addressed:
  - a. All hydrographs should be provided to verify input parameters. (§195-23.B, C)
  - b. The property owner certification (Sheet 4) should be signed. (§195-27.A(4))
  - c. The O&M plan should indicate statements in accordance with §195-40.B, C and D.
  - d. The O&M notes should indicate the following: all inlets should be inspected and cleaned at least 2 times per year; the overlying vegetation should be maintained in good condition; and care should be taken to avoid excessive compaction by mowers.
  - e. An iron pin should be set along the north-south common property line.
  - f. The plan should indicate the East Goshen Township Sewer Lateral detail (attached).

Please additionally note the status of the following reviews/permits:

Review/Permit	Agency/Authority	Status
Landscaping	Conservancy Board	Approval granted. (November 12, 2014 meeting)
Sanitary Sewer	Municipal Authority	Approval granted. (November 10, 2014 meeting)
Planning Module	DEP	Exemption granted. (December 10, 2014 letter)
E&S/NPDES	CCCD/DEP	Not Applicable.
HOP	PennDOT	Not Applicable.
On-Site Well	CCHD	To be acquired prior to Building Permit issuance.
Fire Protection	Fire Marshal	Not Applicable.
Historic Resource	Historical Comm.	Not Applicable.

An O&M Agreement and blanket stormwater management easement (§195-27.F(2), §195-39) should be executed with the Township prior to plan recording. All legal descriptions, easements and agreements are subject to review and approval by the Township Solicitor. The Township Solicitor should further review if any revisions to the existing storm sewer easement and agreement are necessary.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

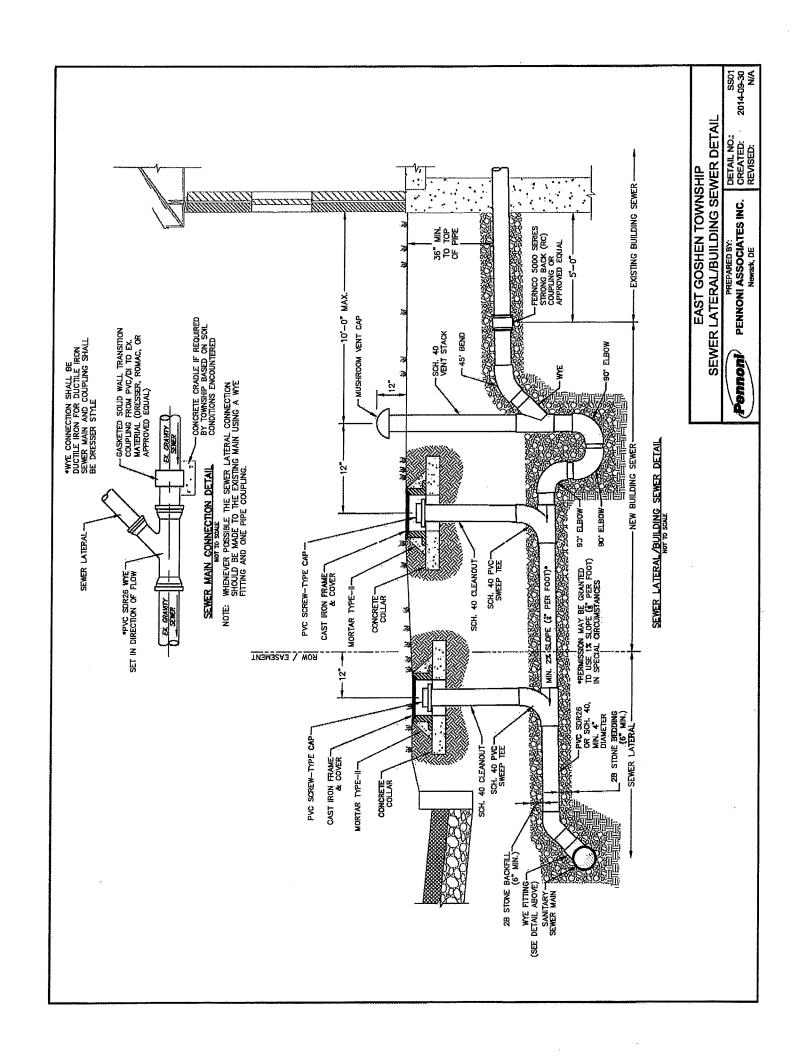
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Nathan M. Cline, PE Township Engineer

cc: Rick Smith, Township Manager (via e-mail)

James J. Callaghan, Jr., 1311 N. Chester Road, West Chester

Andrew Eberwein, PE, Edward B. Walsh & Associates Inc. (via e-mail)





# **EDWARD B. WALSH & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Complete Civil Engineering Design / Consultation Services
Lionville Professional Center
125 Dowlin Forge Road
Exton, PA 19341

December 8, 2014

Mark Gordon Director of Code Enforcement/ zoning Officer East Goshen Township 1580 Paoli Pike West Chester, Pa. 19380

Re: James Callaghan Subdivision EBWA # 3974

Dear Mark:

We have revised the above referenced plans in accordance with the Pennoni Associates October 31, 2014, as well as the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the Conservancy Board. This letter is being provided to assist in following the revisions, its enumeration follows that of the consultants letters.

We offer the following:

# **ZONING**

1. Clear sight triangles have been added to sheet 2.

2. At the recommendation of the Conservancy board we have added the requisite number and species of the trees and shrubs that would be planted around a new single family house. This was done so that the quantities and species could be verified by the Codes department when the building permit plan is issued.

# SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- 3. a. The abutting Property owner information across Atlee Drive have been added.
  - b. There are know municipal borders within 1000' of the property.
  - c. See note 2 for the closure information. The certification has been added to sheet 1.
  - d. The list of Utility ownership has been added to sheet 1.
  - e. All existing trees have been located on site. There are two 6-12" trees on the property.
  - f. The tree protection and planting notes have been added to sheet 5.

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- g. See note 11 sheet 1.
- h. See note 9 on sheet 1.
- i. See note 10 on sheet 1.
- 4. A waiver to permit grading within 5' of the adjoiner has been added. This request is to allow the drive to be located further away from existing trees.
- 5. The proposed lots were approved by Variance and a waiver request to allow no radial lot line has been added to sheet 1.
- 6. The lots are wooded and a waiver to not provide street trees has been requested.
- 7. The plan does not propose to remove more than 20% of the total trees as permitted in the ordinance and the Conservancy Board supported the waver request to permit encroachment into the TPZ of the trees to remain based on the improvements presented on the plan.
- 8. The driveway paving detail has been revised to require a 6" stone base for the entire length.
- 9. Labels have been added to the plans listing the additional monumentation that needs to be provided..
- 10. A waiver has been requested to allow a well on Lot 2 as it is extremely close to an acre in size and was granted by a variance.

# STORMWATER MANGEMENT

- 11. The Calculations have been revised to not use weighted runoff coefficients for calculating the volume necessary to be infiltrated.
- 12. We have revised the stormwater report to include all hydrographs as requested. All the TC are 5 minutes, the drainage areas are so small that can not be any longer.
- 13. We calculated the number of trees relative to definition for wooded ground cover in the ordinance and this lot does not meet the requirement for wooded. It has less trees. Therefore we utilized the meadow ground cover as pre-development conditions.
- 14. Revised accordingly.
- 15a. The infiltration bed detail specifies leaf traps at the yard drain. This was done so it would be easy to monitor.
- b. The outlet pipe slope has been revised.
- c. The angle and elevation of the tie-in preclude us from connecting into the existing inlet.
- 16a. The soil designation has been added to sheet 4.
- b. There is only one well within 50' and it is located on lot 1. This is noted within note 1 under notes on sheet 4.
- c. The impervious areas have been noted on sheet 4.
- d. There is no off site flow across the site.
- e. Flow paths are not shown as the TC are all 5 minutes.
- f. The type of access easement has been clarified in the owner's certification and is called out in Note 2. report.
- g. The narrative and written description is within the report.

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Re: Callaghan Subdivision

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h. All of the O & M notes have been revised to be consistent with the notes required for NPDES permitting by the DEP.

# **GENERAL**

- 17. The existing deed and title for the property was subject to review and approval by the zoning Hearing Board as part of the Variance hearing. The title company has warranted the title of the boundary. We do not believe additional review is needed. We have included legal descriptions for the new parcels.
- 18. Commentary on actions by others.
- 19. The label on the plan has been revised to show Preliminary/Final.
- 20. The status of outside reviews are listed below.
- a. NPDES: N/A
- b. Planning Module Exemption; Submitted and awaiting approval.
- c. Authority approval of the sewer: attached hereto.
- d. On-Lot well permit: See note 12 on sheet 1.
- e. HOP; N/A.
- f.Fire Marshal; N/A
- g. Historic Resource; N/A
- h. Conservancy Board: attended meeting and received a favorable recommendation awaiting documentation of same.

I believe we have addressed all of your consultants concerns within this submission. If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact me.

Very Truly Yours:

Edward B. Walsh and Associates, Inc.

Andrew Eberwein

Cc: Tom Mohr/James Callaghan

# EAST GOSHEN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

November 12, 2014

Andrew Eberwein, PE 125 Dowlin Forge Road Exton PA 19341

Re:

Subdivision at 1131 North Chester Road

Tax Parcel 53-2-31.2

Dear Andy:

At their meeting on November 10, 2014 the Municipal Authority approved your request for sewer capacity for one (1) a new house to be constructed once the property at 1131 North Chester Road is subdivided

The tapping is \$2,000 per house and ten (10) percent of the total tapping fee (\$200) is due and payable at this time.

Please execute both copies of the enclosed agreement and return them to me with your check in the amount of \$200.00 payable to the East Goshen Municipal Authority.

Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or e-mail me at <u>rsmith@eastgoshen.org</u> if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Louis F. Smith, Jr. Township Manager

Enclosure

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# **EDWARD B. WALSH & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Complete Civil Engineering & Land Surveying Services Lionville Professional Center 125 Dowlin Forge Road Exton, PA 19341

> 3974 Callaghan Subdivision - Lot 1 December 8, 2014

# LEGAL DESCRIPTION LOT 1 CALLAGHAN SUBDIVISION EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PA

**ALL THAT CERTAIN** piece of ground situate in the Township of East Goshen, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shown as "Lot 1" on a Plan titled "Preliminary/Final Title Plan - Subdivision Plan for James J. Callaghan, Jr.", prepared by Edward B. Walsh & Associates, Inc., Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, Exton, PA, dated September 26, 2014, being last revised November 20, 2014, Sheet 1 of 5 sheets total, Project No. 3974 and being more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly right-of-way line of Atlee Drive (50 feet wide), said point being measured North 18 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds 1.22 feet from an iron pipe found along the common line of lands of the now or former Phyllis U. Delaney and Clarence Harry Marrone, Jr. to the west and Lot 1 to the east (as shown on said Plan); thence from the point of beginning, along said right-of-way line of Atlee Drive, North 69 degrees 20 minutes 0 seconds East 86.74 feet to a point, being a corner common with Lot 2 (as shown on said Plan); thence along the same the following two (2) courses and distances:

- 1. South 66 degrees 40 minutes 5 seconds East 140.37 feet to a point;
- 2. partly along the northerly terminus of a proposed twenty (20) feet wide sanitary sewer easement over Lot 1, South 41 degrees 57 minutes 58 seconds East 146.00 feet to a point in the northerly line of lands of the now or former Stanley R. and Patricia E. Mann, said point also common to the westerly line of a twenty (20) feet wide storm sewer easement and the northerly line of a thirty three (33) feet wide right-of-way over the lands of said Mann and others;

thence along said right-of-way line, along said northerly line of Mann, partly along the northerly line of lands of the now or former Shawn P. and Cheryl L. Groff, along the southerly terminus of said proposed twenty (20) feet wide sanitary sewer easement over Lot 1, South 69 degrees 33 minutes 1 second West 250.62 feet to a point, being the southeasterly most corner of said Delaney and Marrone; thence along the easterly line of the same, along the easterly terminus of another right-of-way (as shown on said Plan), North 18 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds West passing over said iron pipe found 1.22 feet from the next described corner, 232.80 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

CONTAINING: 43,560 square feet (1.000 acres) of land, be the same, more or less.

**BEING:** Lot 1, as shown on said Plan.

**TOGETHER WITH** the right of ingress and regress over and through a certain 33 feet wide right-of-way and 15 feet wide right-of-way as more fully set forth in agreement between Elmer Farra et ux et al and William J. Sullivan and Victoria L., his wife, dated October 6, 1965 and recorded in Miscellaneous Deed Book 166 page 246.



# EDWARD B. WALSH & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Complete Civil Engineering & Land Surveying Services
Lionville Professional Center
125 Dowlin Forge Road
Exton, PA 19341

3974 Callaghan Subdivision - Lot 2 December 8, 2014

# LEGAL DESCRIPTION LOT 2 CALLAGHAN SUBDIVISION EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PA

ALL THAT CERTAIN piece of ground situate in the Township of East Goshen, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shown as "Lot 2" on a Plan titled "Preliminary/Final Title Plan - Subdivision Plan for James J. Callaghan, Jr.", prepared by Edward B. Walsh & Associates, Inc., Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, Exton, PA, dated September 26, 2014, being last revised November 20, 2014, Sheet 1 of 5 sheets total, Project No. 3974 and being more fully described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at a point on the southerly right-of-way line of Atlee Drive (50 feet wide), and common to Lot 1 to the west and Lot 2 to the east, said point being measured the following two (2) courses and distances from an iron pipe found on the common line of lands of the now or former Phyllis U. Delaney and Clarence Harry Marrone, Jr. to the west and Lot 1 to the east:

- 1. along said line of Delaney and Marrone common with Lot 1, North 18 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds West 1.22 feet;
- along said right-of-way line of Atlee Drive, North 69 degrees 20 minutes 0 seconds East 86.74 feet;

thence from the point of beginning, along said right-of-way line of Atlee Drive, North 69 degrees 20 minutes 0 seconds East 60.00 feet to a point, being the southwesterly most corner of lands of the now or former Karen McPhail and Terry Irwin; thence along the southerly line of the same, North 69 degrees 20 minutes 0 seconds East 211.97 feet to a point in the westerly line of lands of the now or former James M. and Janice F. Potts; thence along the same and partly along the line of lands of the now or former John B. and Veronica A. Holz, passing over a pinch pipe found, South 24 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds East 234.56 feet to a point in the northerly line of lands of the now or former Stanley R. and Patricia E. Mann and the northerly line of a thirty three (33) feet wide right-of-way over the lands of said Mann and others; thence along the same, passing over a bent iron pin found, crossing a twenty feet wide storm sewer easement, South 69 degrees 33 minutes 1 second West 133.53 feet to a point, being the southeasterly most corner of Lot 1 (as shown on said Plan); thence along the easterly line of the same, the following two (2) courses and distances:

- 1. partly along the easterly terminus of a proposed twenty feet (20) wide sanitary sewer easement over Lot 1, North 41 degrees 57 minutes 58 seconds West 146.00 feet to a point;
- 2. North 66 degrees 40 minutes 5 seconds West 140.37 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

**CONTAINING:** 43,097 square feet (0.989 acres) of land, be the same, more or less.

**BEING:** Lot 2, as shown on said Plan.

**TOGETHER WITH** the right of ingress and regress over and through a certain 33 feet wide right-of-way and 15 feet wide right-of-way as more fully set forth in agreement between Elmer Farra et ux et al and William J. Sullivan and Victoria L., his wife, dated October 6, 1965 and recorded in Miscellaneous Deed Book 166 page 246.

# Memorandum

East Goshen Township 1580 Paoli Pike

West Chester, PA 19380

Voice: 610-692-7171

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Date: 12/29/2014

To:

**Planning Commission** 

From: Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer

Re:

1331 E. Strasburg Rd. / ZHB Application (Dimensional Variances)

# Dear Commissioners,

The owners of 1331 E. Strasburg Rd., Jason and Elizabeth Grothmann, have submitted a ZHB application for dimensional variances for a proposed subdivision of their property. If you recall this property was removed from the Historic Registry in January of 2014. The owner is now seeking zoning relief for a possible subdivision of the property. The owner was before the commission with a sketch plan in November and they have revised their plan to reflect the comments from the commission.

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The application proposes variances to support a two lot subdivision of the parcel, maintaining the existing house and creating a new lot to the west of the existing house, for a new single family home. This will create two non-conforming lots.

This parcel was last subdivided in 2002 creating a 1 acre parcel, 1333 E. Strasburg Rd.

**Zoning Variances Requested** 

	Minimum Required Lot Area	REQUESTED Lot Area	LOT AREA VARIANCE	Minimum Required Lot Width at Building setback line	REQUESTED Lot Width at Building Setback Line	LOT WIDTH AT BUILDING SET BACK LINE VARIANCE
Lot 1	1 Acre	1 Acre	None	150 Feet	130 Feet	20 Feet
Lot 2 (Existing						
House)	1 Acre	.9 Acre	.1 Acre	150 Feet	106 Feet	44 Feet

This parcel is located in the R-2 district and is bordered to the north by the Supplee Valley development which is a cluster development with 25,000 s.f. lots. To the south across E. Strasburg Rd. is the R-3 district and single family homes can be built 18,000 s.f. lots.

Staff is of the opinion that supporting variances for this subdivision will not significantly alter the character of the neighborhood since smaller single family lot sizes exist in the developments surrounding this parcel.

The variances requested are necessary to move forward with a subdivision plan.

# **DRAFT MOTION:**

Mr. Chairman, I move that we recommend that the Board of Supervisors support the variance requests because the requested relief will not significantly alter the character of the surrounding neighborhood with the following condition:

1. The applicant shall follow all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and obtain all permits and approvals.

# EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION

1580 PAOLI PIKE WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199 PHONE (610)-692-7171 FAX (610)-692-8950

Name of Applicant:	: Jason and Elizabeth Grothmann							
Applicant Address:	2101 Valley Drive, West Chester, PA 19380							
Telephone Number:	610-842-4810 Fax Number:							
Email Address:	jgrothmann@gmail.com							
Property Address:	1331 East Strasburg Road							
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Tax Parcel Number:	53-06A-0056-0000 Zoning District: R-2 Acreage: ±1.9							
Purpose of Application (check one)  Variance (Type: Use Variance Dimensional Variance) Special Exception Appeal determination of the Zoning Officer Other								
§ 240-9.G relating	ng Ordinance in which relief is sought: g to minimum lot size and minimum lot width.							
	e Zoning Relief requested and the future use of the property:							
Applicant is propos	ing a minor two lot subdivision for single-family residential use and seeks the following. If from the minimum lot size to permit Lot #2 to be .9 acres (whereas 1 acre is required)							
(2) § 240-9.G from	the minimum lot width to permit Lot #1 to be +/-106 feet and Lot #2 to be +/-130 feet							
(whereas 150 feet is	s required); and (3) Any other relief the Board deems necessary.							
correct and ago	nowledge that we have read this application and state that the above is ree to comply with all provisions of the East Goshen Township Zoning licable to this project and property.  12-4-14							
Debra A.								
Attorney/	Agent for Applicant							

\*Please review the formal application and review procedures on page three.

DEBRA A. SHULSKI Debbie@rrhc.com Extension 210



December 4, 2014

DEC 5

via First Class Mail

Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer East Goshen Township 1580 Paoli Pike West Chester, PA 19380

RE:

Jason Grothmann

1331 East Strasburg Road

Dear Mark:

Enclosed for filing please find Jason and Elizabeth Grothmann's Zoning Hearing Board application with respect to their property located at 1331 East Strasburg Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania in East Goshen Township (the "Property").

The Property is currently 1.899 acres in size and is situated in the R-2 Residential Zoning District. The Grothmanns intend to subdivide the Property into two lots for purposes of a proposed single-family residential dwelling. The subdivision would result in a de minimis decrease in the one-acre minimum lot area for one of the lots whereby Lot #2 would be .9 acres in size and Lot #1 would be compliant at 1.0 acres in size. Please note that the majority of the adjacent surrounding properties are much smaller lot sizes ranging in size from .54 acres to .65 acres.

The proposed subdivision would also result in a reduction in the minimum lot width with Lot #2 proposed at 130 feet and Lot #1 at 106 feet (whereas 150 feet is required). All other area and bulk requirements are compliant with applicable ordinances.

Note that the enclosed plans have been revised from the prior sketch plan submitted to the Township as a result of the review and comments provided by the Planning Commission at its November 5, 2014 meeting. Per the Planning Commission's recommendation, the property line was slightly reconfigured so that one of the lots is now fully compliant with the minimum lot size. Also the footprint for the proposed home was revised to show a more realistic building footprint per the Planning Commissions' suggestion.

Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer East Goshen Township December 4, 2014 Page 2

Enclosed as part of this submission are the following documents:

- 1. One original and ten (10) copies of the Zoning Hearing Board Application Form;
- 2. Eleven (11) sets of the reduced size plans (size 11 X 17);
- 3. Deed evidencing the Grothmanns own the Property; and
- 4. Check made payable to East Goshen Township in the amount of \$450 representing the application fee.

It is my understanding that this matter does not need to go back before the Planning Commission for a review on the zoning application given that they provided thorough comments on the Sketch Plan at their November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and overall agreed not to oppose the application. However, if this is not the case, please let me know and we would be happy to attend another meeting.

Please advise whether this matter will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and ultimately scheduled for a hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

DEBRA A. SHULSKI

DAS/kch Enclosures

cc: Jason Grothmann (via email only, w/encl.)
John Mullin (via email only, w/encl.)

# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY 1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

December 18, 2014

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the owners of 1331 E. Strasburg Road, West Chester, PA 19380, have submitted a Zoning Hearing Board Application requesting zoning variances for their property.

The owners, Jason and Elizabeth Grothmann, are proposing a 2 lot subdivision of their property which is located in the R-2 zoning district. The existing parcel has an area of approximately 1.899 acres and has an existing single family home and accessory building. The zoning variances requested are for the minimum lot size and the minimum lot width at the building set back line, §240-9.G. The proposed plan shows that the existing home (lot 2) would remain and a new single family home (lot 1) would be built on the new lot to the west of the existing home.

**Zoning Variances Requested** 

	Minimum Required Lot Area	REQUESTED Lot Area	LOT AREA VARIANCE	Minimum Required Lot Width at Building setback line	REQUESTED Lot Width at Building Setback Line	LOT WIDTH AT BUILDING SET BACK LINE VARIANCE
Lot 1	1 Acre	1 Acre	None	150 Feet	130 Feet	20 Feet
Lot 2 (Existing						
House)	1 Acre	.9 Acre	.1 Acre	150 Feet	106 Feet	44 Feet

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of Zoning Hearing Board application submissions.

This application will be reviewed at the following meetings:

January 7, 2015 - Planning Commission (7:00 PM)

January 20, 2015 - Board of Supervisors (7:00 PM)

January 21, 2015 - Zoning Hearing Board (7:30 PM Zoning Hearing)

All meetings are held at the Township Building and are open to the public. The Zoning Hearing Board Application is available for review at the Township building during normal business hours. If any person who wishes to attend the hearing has a disability and/or requires an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to observe or participate in the proceedings, he or she should contact East Goshen Township at 610-692-7171 to discuss how those needs may be accommodated.

Sincerely

Mark A. Gordon

**Township Zoning Officer** 

Cc:

All Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions

# Memorandum

# East Goshen Township 1580 Paoli Pike Wast Chaster, RA 10386

West Chester, PA 19380

Voice: 610-692-7171 Fax: 610-692-8950

E-mail: mgordon@eastgoshen.org

Date: 12/29/2014

To: Planning Commission

From: Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer

Re: Public Utility Ordinance

# Commissioners,

Enclosed is a drafted ordinance for your review and recommendation. This will update the Township Zoning Ordinance to include Public Utility Definitions. This has been forwarded to the CCPC for review.

# **Draft Motion:**

Mr. Chairman, I move that we recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Public Utility ordinance as drafted updating the Zoning Ordinance with the appropriate definitions defined therein.

# **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**

# CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

# ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. **AMENDING** CHAPTER 240 OF THE EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CODE, TITLED, "ZONING", TO AMEND THE DEFINITION SUBSTATION", "PUBLIC UTILITY FOR 'ELECTRIC FACILITY", AND "PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDING" IN SECTION 240-6; TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "PUBLIC UTILITY" AND "PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATION" IN SECTION 240-6, TO AMEND THE USE REGULATIONS FOR THE R-1 DISTRICT TO DELETE PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDING; TO AMEND THE USE REGULATIONS FOR THE I-1 AND I-2 DISTRICTS TO ALLOW A PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDING BY CONDITIONAL USE; TO AMEND THE USE REGULATIONS FOR THE BP DISTRICT TO DELETE PUBLIC UTILITY INSTALLATION AND ADD PUBLIC UTLITY FACILITY; AND TO ADD CONDITIONAL USE STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC UTILTY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDINGS IN SECTION 240-31.C(aa).

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of East Goshen Township that Chapter 240 of the East Goshen Township Code, titled, "Zoning", shall be amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The definition of "Electric Substation" in Section 240-6 shall be deleted and replaced with the following new definition:

"ELECTRIC SUBSTATION - An assemblage of equipment for transforming electric power from a higher to a lower voltage rather than for its generation or utilization."

**SECTION 2.** The definition of "Public Utility Building" in Section 240-6 shall be deleted and replaced with the following new definition:

"PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDING - A building constructed by a public utility or a public utility corporation."

**SECTION 3.** The definition of "Public Utility Facility" in Section 240-6 shall be deleted and replaced with the following new definition:

"PUBLIC UTILITY FACILITY - A facility, other than a building, owned and operated by a public utility or public utility corporation as defined in this Ordinance."

**SECTION 4.** Section 240-6 shall be amended to add the following definitions in alphabetical order:

"PUBLIC UTILITY – A public utility as that term is defined in the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.CSA §101 et seq., as may be amended from time to time.

**PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATION** – Any domestic or foreign corporation for profit that is subject to regulation as a public utility either by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or by an officer or agency of the United States."

**SECTION 5.** Section 240-8.D(2)(c) shall be deleted.

**SECTION 6.** Section 240-19.C(9) shall be amended as follows:

"(9) Public utility facility and public utility building."

**SECTION 7.** Section 240-20.D(23) shall be amended as follows:

"(23) Public utility facility and public utility building."

SECTION 8. Section 240-21.C(12) shall be amended as follows:

"(12) Public utility facility and public utility building."

**SECTION 9.** Section 240-31.C(aa) shall be amended as follows:

"(aa) Public utility facility and/or public utility building.

- [1] No obnoxious, toxic or corrosive fumes or gases shall be emitted as a result of the use.
- [2] No use shall emit offensive odors which are perceptible at lot lines.
- [3] No use shall discharge into the air dust or other particulate matter in a manner or quantity which does not conform to all applicable federal and state laws and implementing regulation.
- [4] No use shall emit smoke from operations.
- [5] No use shall produce any heat perceptible at or beyond the lot boundaries.

- [6] No use shall utilize lighting in a manner which does not conform with the lighting standards in this Chapter.
- [7] No use shall permit physical vibrations perceptible at or beyond the lot boundaries.
- [8] No use shall emit potentially harmful radiation.
- [9] No use shall engage in the production or storage of any material designed for use as an explosive.
- [10] No use shall engage in the storage of waste materials on the lot for any period beyond 5 days. Such waste material storage shall be located behind the front building line of the primary building and no closer than 50 feet to any rear or side lot line and shall be completely screened from the view of any street or adjoining property.
- [11] No use shall discharge any objectionable and/or potentially dangerous effluent from plant operations.
- [12] No industrial lagoons for chemicals or other liquid waste shall be permitted.
- [13] The portion of any such use not located within a building shall be enclosed or adequately screened in such a manner as to not be visible across property lines.
- [14] All uses shall be conducted in compliance with applicable governmental regulations, including the noise and lighting regulations in this Chapter.
- [15] No retail activity shall be permitted.
- [16] The owner of the Public Utility Facility and Public Utility Building shall provide the Township with an emergency liaison that may be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the event of an emergency.
- [17] The owner of the Public Utility Facility and Public Utility Building shall prepare and file with the Township an emergency response plan which shall be followed in the event of an emergency at the facility.
- [18] A Public Utility Facility and/or Public Utility Building shall be fully screened in accordance with the criteria set forth in §240.27.C(3)."

**SECTION 10. Severability**. If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

<u>SECTION 11.</u> <u>Repealer.</u> All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

**SECTION 12. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective in five days from the date of adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this day of				
ATTEST:	EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS			
Louis F. Smith, Secretary	E. Martin Shane, Chairman			
	Senya D. Isayeff, Vice-Chairman			
	Carmen Battavio, Member			
	Charles W. Proctor, III, Esquire, Member			
,	Janet L. Emanuel, Member			

# Memorandum

# **East Goshen Township** 1580 Paoli Pike

West Chester, PA 19380

Voice: 610-692-7171 610-692-8950

Fax:

E-mail: mgordon@eastgoshen.org

Date: 12/29/2014

To:

Planning Commission

From: Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer

Re:

Wooded Lot

# Commissioners,

Currently the Township code does not define "Wooded Lot" however our Storm Water Management ordinance defines "Woods".

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The Conservancy Board looked at this issue and has forwarded you a recommendation to add a definition of "Wooded Lot" to the Township SALDO.

I propose that the PC review the recommendation of "Wooded Lot" that I have provided below and send a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to add a definition for "Wooded Lot" to the Township Subdivision and Land Development ordinance.

# EGT SWM Ordinance

Definition

# WOODS

Any land area of at least 0.25 acre with a natural or naturalized ground cover (excluding manicured turf grass) and that has an average density of two or more viable trees per 1,500 square feet with a DBH of six inches or greater. The land area to be considered woods shall be measured from the outer driplines of the outer trees.

# SALDO Definition

# DIAMETER BREAST HEIGHT (dbh)

The diameter of a standing tree measured at 4.5 feet from ground level.

# **Suggested Definition**

# **WOODED LOT**

A wooded lot is any lot having more than 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.

#### **Draft Motion:**

Mr. Chairman, I move that we recommend that the Board of Supervisors consider adding the following definition for "Wooded Lot" to the Township Subdivision and Land Development ordinance. This definition is consistent with the definition of "woods" in the Storm water Management ordinance.







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The course in Zoning Administration is for zoning hearing board members, zoning officials, and elected officials –regardless of experience. Students will learn the basic principles, procedures and information needed to effectively carry out their functions in the administration of municipal zoning. The course covers the technical aspects of zoning and how to build effective relationships with the public. Hands---on experiences and practice exercises are built into each session. Participants learn how to conduct effective and fair zoning hearings in a mock zoning hearing session. Course topics include the principles of zoning, key zoning terms, the zoning administration team, zoning officer duties, enforcement notices, zoning hearing procedures, variances, special exceptions/conditional uses, and non-conformance.

This course deals with the work of planning commissions in completing the subdivision review process, from pre---application meetings through project completion. The curriculum is organized into three major sections: 1) principles of subdivision and land development regulation and ordinance requirements, 2) subdivision and land development review procedures, and 3) design and technical standards of subdivision development. Participants get hands-on experience reviewing plans and designing alternative solutions. Topics in the course include the MPC requirements governing subdivision and land development regulation; the importance of subdivision regulations to municipalities and to developers; a three-stage procedure for reviewing applications; requirements for approving and denying plans; project completion and follow-up; design considerations; density and open space criteria; and new approaches to better project design.

The sponsors provide a series of courses in municipal planning for municipal officials, planning commissions, zoning hearing boards, citizens and the corporate community. The courses have been developed by the Pennsylvania Planning Association (PPA) and Penn State Cooperative Extension through their training agency, Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI). Each in---depth, ten---hour course, taught by certified PMPEI instructors, is completed through attendance at three evening classes, over a three---week period. PMPEI provides a certificate of course completion. Participants completing the three basic courses within three years will be recognized with a "Master Planner Certificate of Completion."

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