

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING**  
**January 10, 2015**

The East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors and members of the ABCs met on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 8:00 am at the East Goshen Township Building for the Annual Planning Meeting. Those in attendance were:

**Board of Supervisors**

E Martin Shane, Chairman  
Janet Emanuel  
Senya Isayeff  
Carmen Battavio

**Conservancy Board**

Walter Wujcik, Chairman  
Erich Meyer  
John Scheidt  
Patti Brown

**Historical Commission**

Chris Reardon  
Judy Schafer  
Dolores Higgins  
Ellen Carmadoy  
Sue Ciorletti

**Futurist Committee**

Tom Kilburn  
Rogers Vaughn

**Township Staff**

Rick Smith, Township Manager  
Jason Lang, Director of Recreation  
Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer  
Jon Altshul, Township CFO  
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works

**Municipal Authority**

Kevin Cummings, Chairman  
Dana Pizarro

**Planning Commission**

Dan Daley, Chairman  
Adam Knox  
Monica Close  
Jim McRee

**Commerce Commission**

Al Zuccarello, Chairman

**Park & Recreation Commission**

Joe Zulli, Chairman  
Betsy Williams  
Heidi Karpa  
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore

**Others Present:**

Ginnie Newlin, Poet Laureate  
Tom Comitta, Consultant  
Kathryn Yahraes, Resident

The meeting started at 8:00 am. Marty led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops.

Marty welcomed everyone and acknowledged the work that the volunteers on the ABCs do for the Township (approx. 5,000 hours/yr). He introduced Tom Comitta who is the new consultant for the Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

**Commerce Commission**

Al Zuccarello explained that the Commerce Commission was started 3 years ago to work with the businesses in East Goshen. Accomplishments so far are:

1. Established a business directory on the Township website.
2. Met with businesses in the Corporate Parks and Retail Centers
3. Installed bike/walking paths in both Corporate Parks
4. Established a Workforce Committee which helps the businesses find employees with specific skills; i.e. set up and accompanied a business looking for welders to the Williamson Trade School.

**Goals for 2015:**

1. Will meet with Business owners.
2. Will get 4 businesses to write articles for the Township Newsletter
3. Work with Jason Lang to set up tours for his students in the Entrepreneur Course

Overall the business owners and retail tenants are happy.

### **Conservancy Board**

Walter stated that the Mission Statement is – Protect and nurture East Goshen’s natural resources and educate East Goshen citizens of their importance.

The accomplishments of 2014 are:

1. Transition of Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day to a Conservancy Board activity.
2. Infill plantings along the walking path in the E Boot Road wetlands area.
3. Continued to control invasive species in Township open space by the Blacksmith Shop.
4. Submitted articles for Township Newsletter about tree health, recycling and invasive species.
5. Monitored bat houses and blue bird boxes installed by Public Works in the Ashbridge Preserve, Applebrook Park and Supplee Valley open spaces.

Goals for 2015:

1. Continue to increase the riparian buffer plantings throughout the Township and monitor new PA state laws for impacts on the Township ordinance.
2. Continue plantings – 1 in the spring and 1 in the fall
3. Continue to control invasive species
4. Continue to inform residents of plantings and recycling
5. Work with the Township to protect the chrome serpentine barrens in East Goshen Park (behind the Veterans Pavilion)
6. Manage a successful Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> this year.

Walter mentioned that the Clymer’s Woods project was done in collaboration with West Chester University.

### **Futurist Committee**

Tom reported that the Committee was started in March 2014 and has 3 members. They are supposed to identify changing trends that will impact East Goshen over the next 10-20 years. Some of the areas they researched were housing, transportation, fire & police, businesses, recreation, etc. Their overall goal is to make East Goshen a premier community in Chester County.

Auto technology/autos that drive themselves will be a big change. It could mean fewer accidents and more efficient traffic flow.

A world-wide demographic study predicts that the number of people over 65 will double in the next 25 years. By 2035 the projection for the US is 44 people over 65 for every 100 people working. The ratio here in East Goshen could be higher.

In order to keep East Goshen Township vibrant and financially strong, we will need to continue attracting young families while appealing to over 65.

One theme for a premier community is the need for places to gather. We need an attractive town center with trees and walks to connect centers, in addition to excellent schools. The committee will continue to track trends.

Senya thanked them for their work. He mentioned that drones are becoming a concern especially since East Goshen is only minutes away from the Brandywine Airport. Marty mentioned that the Township has been approached to share the research they started on drones.

### **Historical Commission**

Chris Reardon presented the Historical Commission’s accomplishments for 2014 and goals for 2015.

Accomplishments:

1. Completed work with Chester County on the history of the Battle of the Clouds. Presented findings two times in 2014 for residents
2. Ellen completed a catalog of Township artifacts.
3. Hosted 4 historic events.

4. Converted the historic area from Civil War era to 1790 – 1810 Era.
5. The Blacksmith Shop was renovated in and out. Chris thanked Mark Miller and Public Works for their help.
6. Started a review of the properties on the historic list. Three were removed this year.

2015 Goals:

1. Continue review of historic properties built prior to 1850. When the list was made in 1981 there were no criteria, so that will be set up. They have identified 30 properties so far. When it is completed it will be put on the township website.
2. Hold historic event at Historic Goshenville on June 6, 2015.

**Municipal Authority**

Kevin explained that the Municipal Authority has 5 members with a formal charter. He thanked Mark Miller and Public Works for the work they do to maintain the sewer system. .

Accomplishments for 2014:

1. Updated the mission statement
2. Got a new operator for the plant
3. Remain in compliance with PA permits

Goals for 2015:

1. Will continue to review 500 houses that don't have sewer yet.
2. Part of East Goshen's flows go to West Goshen. 1 million gallons is the limit. The MA developed a plan to bring any overflow to East Goshen, if necessary.
3. Continue to implement I&I plan. This is a plan to search for water that infiltrates into the sewer system and shouldn't be there.
4. Continue to operate in compliance with NPDES permits.

Rick explained that residents who are on the sewer system pay a quarterly fee. Those not on the EG system do not pay a fee.

**Park and Recreation**

Joe recognized Heidi for her contributions as Chairman. He also acknowledged John Jam for his contributions to the Farmers Market. Joe introduced Jason Lang, Director of Recreation.

Jason first thanked Mark Miller for maintaining the parks. He reviewed the accomplishments for 2014:

1. The High School Entrepreneurial Academy was the first PRPS "Excellence in Programming" award nominee. The teams created a lemonade stand business and set up in the Farmers Market for evaluation by the customers.
2. He acknowledged Ginnie Newlin, the Township Poet Laureate, for bringing poetry to the public at the Farmers Market. Ginnie thanked Jason for his support.
3. The number of hours available to kids for projects was tripled in 2014.

Jason handed out a flyer listing all of the projects for 2014 and the goals for 2015.

Joe spoke about the amphitheater and future refinements that are needed. The back 3 tennis courts will be repaired. Jason mentioned that a sub-committee of volunteers will be formed to be onsite at the Farmers Market to give out flyers and take surveys. Heidi feels the sub-committee is a good idea. She also feels that the Market could be one of the best in the State in a few years.

**Planning Commission**

Dan Daley recognized Sue Carty and George Martynick for their years of service to the Planning Commission. He thanked Mark Gordon for all the work he does organizing the information for the meetings.

Accomplishments for 2014:

1. They reviewed 3 Sub-division/land development plans and several sketch plans, variance requests and conditional use requests.

2. Ordinance amendments
  - a. Solar – They want to promote alternative energy sources but not at the detriment to the community. They are waiting for final County review.
  - b. Wind – They reviewed the current ordinance
  - c. Wooded Lot definition with input from the Conservancy Board was completed and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

**Goals for 2015:**

1. Continue to support the Comprehensive Plan Task Force. In 2014 3 members were on the Task Force. In 2015 all of the members of the Planning Commission will participate.
2. Work with the Conservancy Board to look at the tree replacement requirements.

Marty explained that the Planning Commission reviews all plans that developers submit.

**Closing Comments:**

Marty mentioned that the East Goshen Township Newsletter won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a State contest in 2014. Our parks are a focal point of people who don't live in East Goshen, too. Senya will be in charge of the Bicentennial Celebration in 2017. Please send photos for the new website to Jon Altshul or Brian McCool.

Marty thanked everyone for coming. The meeting ended at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary