

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the East Goshen Township Building. Board members present were: Chairman Walter Wujcik, Erich Meyer, Sandra Snyder, Patti Brown and John Scheidt. Others present were: Janet Emanuel, Township Supervisor, Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer, Mr. Gary Moore, and Matt Bush.

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 and first responders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Walter noted that the minutes of the November 11, 2015 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PA Environmental Council Donation – Erich made a motion to continue to make a \$50.00 donation. Patti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. E Waste Recycling Event Results – The Board reviewed Jon Altshul's report of the November 21, 2015 E-Waste Recycling Event held at the Township Park which was better attended than the first event in July. A total of over 21 tons of ewaste was collected or, about 8,600 pounds more than in July.
3. Natural Resources & Protected Open Space - A letter was received from Brian O'Leary Executive Director of the Chester Co. Planning Commission about three new online resources dealing with natural resources and protected open space in Chester County, as follows:
 - a. The Chester Co. Natural Heritage Inventory of 2015 – This presents extensive mapping and descriptions of locations of rare plants & animals.
 - b. Natural Resource Protection Model Standards – These standards were based on effective zoning ordinance regulations. They present a template for addressing the minimum protection needed for natural resources under ideal conditions.
 - c. Protected Open Space Tracking (POST) system – This system contains information on protected open space in Chester County.
4. Tree City USA – The Board discussed the Tree City ideas and will look at ways that the Township can qualify. Walter suggested looking at the budget to see where the funds were spent in an attempt to meet the Tree City USA standards.

SUB-DIVISION REVIEW

1. 930 N. Chester Rd – Mr. Moore was present. Mark Gordon explained that the owner is requesting a waiver from the Township ordinance requirement to provide a landscape development plan since they are not building on the property. John made a motion to approve the plan per the stipulations in the staff memo regarding the relief they are seeking. Patti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Conservancy Board made the following recommendation to the Planning Commission - The Applicant shall list the proposed varieties and number of plants proposed for landscaping on the final plan and a Landscaping plan shall be provided to the Township along with the building permit application. The Township staff will confirm that the proposed plantings are not invasive species, the trees proposed are listed on the Township Recommended Tree Species List and that the landscaping is installed prior to issuance of a Use and Occupancy Certificate.

2. 942 Cornwallis Drive – Matthew Bush from JMR Engineering LLC was present. The applicant is requesting waivers from the drip line tree protection zone, landscape plan and street tree requirement. John made a motion to approve the plan per the stipulations in the staff memo regarding the relief they are seeking. Patti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Conservancy Board made the following recommendation to the Planning Commission – The applicant shall list the proposed varieties and number of plants proposed for landscaping on the final plan and a landscaping plan shall be provided to the Township along with the building permit application. The Township staff will confirm that the proposed plantings are not invasive species, trees proposed are listed on the Township Recommended Tree Species List and that the landscaping is installed prior to issuance of a use and occupancy certificate.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2016 Goals – The accomplishments for 2015 and goals for 2016 were reviewed for Walter to present at the Annual ABC Meeting on Saturday, January 9, 2016.
2. 2016 Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day (April 2, 2016) – A notice of this event will be in the Winter and Spring Newsletter. The Girl Scout troop that has been so active in this event will be added to the plaque.
3. Spring Planting – Walter asked the Board members to think of an area for the Spring Planting. It was also suggested that the Supervisors and members of other ABCs be asked if they have a suggestion. Sandy suggested performing a soil analysis test on any new areas suggested for planting moving forward.

LIAISON REPORTS

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

1. Signs - The Board will ask Mark Miller to start taking the broken signs down. Janet mentioned that new signs will be installed for the Paoli Pike Trail and they will all be the same format.
2. The Conservancy Board has a vacancy. Walter asked for ideas to advertise for this. Hershey's Mill newsletter and TV channel was suggested.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erich seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Snyder, Conservancy Board Member