

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
NOVEMBER 2, 2016 – 7:00 pm  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Present:**

Chuck Hepler, Mike Lehmicke, Glenn Artman, Vince “Mick” McInnis, Dana Pizarro, Dave Hewett.

Also in attendance were Supervisor Vice-Chairman Marty Shane, Peter Simone of Simone Collins, and Township Manager Rick Smith.

**Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked Jason to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence:**

Marty called for a moment of silence to honor the members of the military who defend our country.

Glenn moved to approve the minutes for the October 26, 2016, meeting as presented; the motion was seconded by Jim and approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

Peter Simone provided some background information on his firm, Simone Collins and Princeton Hydro. He stated they would follow DCNR guidelines, which would enable the Township to obtain grant funding for the project. Peter reviewed process noting the 1st Public Meeting was intended to get everyone’s ideas. He intends to present 2 or more concept plans, with estimated costs, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting. A final plan will be presented for the Committee’s review and approval at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting. The 4<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting will entail a presentation of the final plan at a Board of Supervisors meeting. A survey will be posted on the Township website to solicit public comment.

Peter noted the need to consider future maintenance of the site and protection of the interests of the neighbors, while making the site a public space.

Marty noted that PA DCNR had grant money available for forested riparian buffers.

Peter further noted that this project may help the Township address its MS4 permit requirements, and the location of the stream will impact how the site is developed. He expected the site would be developed as a passive recreation area, and that fish ponds, viewing stations, and paths would be possible.

Glenn stated access is a key issue.

In response to a question, Rick advised that the Committee would be able to post information on the Township website and the Public Meeting dates would be posted on the LED signs.

Mike noted that some residents have expressed concerns about what happens when the reservoir is drained.

**Meeting Dates**

The Committee reviewed the following meeting dates as proposed by Simone Collison:

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| Committee Meeting #1 | Nov 2, 7:00 pm  |
| Committee Meeting #2 | January 11, 7:00 pm                                     |
| Committee Meeting #3 | February 21, 7:00 pm                                    |
| Committee Meeting #4 | May 23, 7:00 pm (review draft plan comments)            |
| Public Meeting #1    | December 14 & 15, 7:00 pm (same presentation both days) |
| Public Meeting #2    | January 25, 7:00 pm                                     |
| Public Meeting #3    | March 22, 7:00pm (draft plan – 60 day review)           |
| Public Meeting #4    | June 20, 7:00 pm (final plan presentation)              |

It was the consensus of the members the proposed meeting dates were acceptable.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis F. Smith Jr.  
Township Manager

*Attachments – Peter Simone Comments – Committee Meeting #1- November 2, 2016*

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Peter Simone Comments  
Milltown Reservoir Master Plan.  
Committee Meeting #1 – November 2, 2016

1. The need for a riparian buffer was mentioned with a minimum width of 15 feet
2. A silt test has been completed for the Milltown Reservoir.
3. It may be possible to help the township address its MS4 requirements through what is done on this site.
4. The Ridley Creek and Chester Creeks have “impaired” status.
5. SC to set up a meeting with Gannett Fleming (with Princeton Hydro). We will notify the committee of the meeting date (daytime) in case any committee members can attend.
6. What amount of time must elapse between the time of water draw down and when construction can occur on the site?
7. DEP has discussed “phased” lowering of the reservoir with the Township / Gannett Fleming
8. A committee member mentioned that he has photographs of when the dam water was lowered. Please forward to Simone Collins.
9. The committee agreed that this new open space should be a passive recreational facility.
10. Access to the site for parking is important.
11. There was discussion about planned and future trails that might connect to the Milltown site. While beyond the scope of the project, the master plan should allow for future connections to the open space site.
12. There was discussion about how the new site will be a dynamic landscape – meaning it will change in appearance over time. This is in contrast to the somewhat static appearance of the reservoir water body.
13. It will be important to give everyone in the community a realistic expectation of what to expect – over time – with the creation of this new open space. It may not be possible for the Township to complete all improvements in one phase.
14. All information about the master plan project will be posted to the Township web site.
15. The dam will be lowered so that the top is approximately level with the silt in the reservoir. When there is a large rain event, the reservoir water level will rise to an elevation to be determined. Gannett Fleming is in the process of determining that elevation.
16. There have been floods where the water level overtops Strasburg Road (up stream end of reservoir).