

AGENDA  
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HERSHEY MILL DAM COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 5, 2016  
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. NEW BUSINESS

Visioning Session – See attached

If you cannot attend the Visioning Session, but would like to provide comments please use the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMDVisioningSurvey>

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 17, 2016

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

January 17, 2017	6:30 pm	Committee Meeting
January 26, 2017	7:00 pm	Public Meeting #2 (Concept Plans)
February 23, 2017	6:30 pm	Committee Meeting
March 23, 2017	7:00 pm	Public Meeting #3 (Final Plan)
May 24, 2017	6:30 pm	Committee Meeting
June 20, 2017	7:00pm	Public Meeting #4 (Presentation at BofS Meeting)



## **Hershey's Mill Dam Park Open Space Master Plan**

### **Agenda - Public Meeting #1**

**December 5, 2016**

1. Consultant / Attendees Sign-in and Introductions
2. Brief background on Hershey's Mill Dam removal project
3. Consultant / Committee responsibilities
4. Site Opportunities & Constraints
5. Your Ideas, Suggestions and Recommendations

### **Hershey's Mill Dam Park Open Space Master Plan Committee Members**

Sue Davis  
Jim Edmunds  
Blake Goll, Vice Chairperson  
Wayne Hall, Chairperson  
Wendy Bartenstein  
Nancy Aller  
Tom Beggs  
Dick Dunkel  
Ed Tomlinson  
Jim Brandolini

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(See back side for project schedule)

## **Hershey's Mill Dam Park Open Space Master Plan**

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### **Project Schedule**

Hershey's Mill Committee Meeting #1  
**Hershey's Mill Committee Meeting #2**  
Hershey's Mill Committee Meeting #3  
Hershey's Mill Committee Meeting #4

Nov 17, 6:30 pm  
**January 17, 6:30 pm**  
February 23, 6:30 pm  
May 24, 6:30 pm (review draft plan comments)

**Hershey's Mill Public Meeting #1**  
Hershey's Mill Public Meeting #2  
Hershey's Mill Public Meeting #3  
Hershey's Mill Public Meeting #4

**December 5, 7 pm**  
January 26, 7 pm  
March 23, 7 pm (draft plan – 60 day review)  
June 22, 7pm (final plan presentation)

# Hershey's Mill Dam Master Plan – Survey #1 – Visioning Survey

## Public Survey Purpose

On June 28, 2016 the East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors voted to decommission the Hershey's Mill Dam. The dam is located on Hershey Mill Road just north of Greenhill Road on a property which contains 6.4 acres. The dam is currently in operation and the impoundment has been drained. It has not yet been determined if the stream channels will remain in their present location. Information about the Hersey's Mill Dam is available at:

<https://eastgoshen.org/about-us/hershey-mill-dam>

In the fall of 2016, the Township retained Simone Collins Landscape Architecture of Norristown and Princeton Hydro to develop a master plan on how the area above the dam can be developed and/or utilized for public recreation purposes and/or open space, after the dam has been breached.

The consultants have been asked by the Township to work with the community to determine the most desirable and advantageous use or uses for the areas above the dam. The Township has appointed a citizen committee to work with the consultants. A series of four (4) public meetings will also be held to help determine the master plan design.

Toward that end, Simone Collins will administer a series of three public opinion surveys about the master plan for the area above the dam.

This is survey #1 about the general characteristics of the Hersey's Mill Dam area. This survey will be available until January 26, 2017.

Results of this survey will be considered, along with other information obtained in public and committee meetings. This survey will require less than 10 minutes to complete.

### 1. What is the name of the municipality in which you live?

East Goshen Township    West Goshen Township    Westtown Township    West Whiteland    East Whiteland

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Other (please specify)

### 2. What is the name of the neighborhood / development in which you live?

Charter Chase    Fairway Village    Goshen Downs    Hershey's Mill Village    Hershey's Mill Estates    Hadleigh    Lockwood Chase

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Other (please specify neighborhood or street)

### 3. How many years have you resided at your current address?

0-10    10-20    20-30    30-40    40+

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4. What is your gender?

☐ Female

☐ Male

5. What is your age?

<18

☐

19-25

☐

26-45

☐

46-65

☐

65+

☐

6. During a normal week, how many times do you drive along Greenhill Road, past the dam wall and spillway?

0

☐

1-5

☐

5-10

☐

10+

☐

7. From where do you see the dam area most often?

Greenhill Road

☐

Hershey's Mill Road

☐

My residence

☐

Another location (please specify)

8. In general, how important do you feel scenic resources are to the quality of life in the community?

Very Unimportant

☐

Unimportant

☐

Somewhat  
Important/Unimportant

☐

Important

☐

Very Important

☐

9. What are the 3 (three) most important *aesthetic or cultural* resources of the existing Hershey's Mill Dam site (1 being the most important and 3 being the least important)?

	1	2	3
Dam wall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spillway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sound of the waterfall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surface waters including stream below dam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plants in and around the dam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water impoundment above the dam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sights and sounds of wildlife in and around the dam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
History that is intrinsic to the dam structure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tranquility of the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Old house / mill below and adjacent to the dam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Another characteristic (please specify, and rank 1, 2 or 3) :

10. What are your 5 (five) most wanted improvements to be accommodated in the master plan design for the area above the dam (1 being the most important and 5 being the least important)?

	1	2	3	4	5
Walking trail(s) within the township site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boardwalks through wetland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife blinds to view wildlife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interpretive signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A pedestrian walkway along Hershey Mill Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small pond(s) for fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trail connections to other HOA trails in Hershey's Mill Estates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small (1 to 3 car) parking area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't want any access to the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Removal of invasive plant species / re-establish native plant species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More trees in the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike racks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bird houses and bat boxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintain dam wall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Artificially maintain water fall over dam spillway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Another improvement (please specify, and rank 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5)

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HERSHEY MILL DAM COMMITTEE  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
NOVEMBER 17, 2016 – 6:30 pm  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:**

Sue Davis, Blake Goll, Wendy Bartenstein, Nancy Aller, Ed Tomlinson, Jim Edmonds, Tom Beggs and Jim Brandolini. Also in attendance were Jon Altshul, East Goshen Township, and Peter Simone, Melissa Barley and Sarah Leeper, representing Simone Collins.

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

Blake called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence:**

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

**Minutes**

Jim Edmonds made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Ed seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Peter Simone provided an overview of the work that his firm would be doing over the next several months. He explained that Simone Collins would participate in four public meetings aimed at the broader public, in addition to attending three more Hershey's Mill Dam Committee meetings. He stated that his firm plans to have a draft plan available after the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, which would be posted on the Township's website for 60 days to allow for public comment, and a final plan presented, with cost estimates, at the last public meeting in June.

Peter state that he would like the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to participate in the process to ensure that that the plans are developed in accordance with its standards in order to position the project for possible grant opportunities. He stated that there will be a round of DCNR grant funding closing in April and a round of Department of Community and Economic Development grant funding closing in June, both of which the Township should apply for. He noted that even if the Township is unsuccessful in its first attempt, it is worthwhile to continue to apply again and again. He also observed that grant funding through foundations, including the William Penn Foundation, may be available for projects like this.

Ed asked Peter if the Historical Commission and the Conservancy Board would be invited to participate in the process. Peter said that, yes, they should be. Jon noted that the Historical Commission is not currently fully staffed, but that Township Staff would make sure that the Conservancy Board was apprised of what was going on with the Hershey's Mill Dam Committee's work.



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2 **Public Comment**

3 Jacqueline Weber, 60 Line Road, stated that she has wetlands on her property and that they  
4 attract rats and snakes. She is in favor of keeping the dam. She said that the Township is only  
5 interested in development and doesn't care about preserving its history.  
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7 Shirley Fox, 1711 East Boot Road, stated that the Paoli Pike Path is more expensive than  
8 repairing the dam and that she is in favor of restoring the dam.  
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10 Sally Warren, Hadleigh Dr, asked if the dam can be restored. Jon and the members of the  
11 committee explained to Ms. Weber, Ms. Fox and Ms. Warren that those decisions are outside the  
12 purview of this committee.  
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14 **Adjournment:**

15 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm by a motion from Ed and  
16 seconded by Jim Brandolini.  
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18 Respectfully submitted,  
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21 Jon Altshul  
22 East Goshen Township  
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