

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 7, 2016
7:00 PM

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 30, 2016

3. NEW BUSINESS

Opportunities and Constraints

4. OLD BUSINESS

Revised Survey (will be distributed upon receipt)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 7:00pm.

December 14, 2016	Public Meeting #1 (Visioning Session)
December 15, 2016	Public Meeting #1 (Visioning Session)
January 11, 2017	Committee Meeting
January 25, 2016	Public Meeting #2 (Concept Plans)
February 21, 2017	Committee Meeting
March 22, 2017	Public Meeting #3
May 23, 2017	Committee Meeting (Final Plan)
June 20, 2017	Public Meeting #4 (Presentation at Bof S Meeting)

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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE
1580 PAOLI PIKE
NOVEMBER 30, 2016 – 7:00 pm
DRAFT MINUTES**

Present:

Mike Lehmicke, Vince “Mick” McInnis, Vice Chair, Glenn Artman, Dana Pizarro, Dave Hewett and Chuck Hepler. Also in attendance were Supervisor Marty Shane and Township Manager Rick Smith.

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence:

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

Minutes:

Chuck motioned to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting as amended; the motion was seconded by Mike and approved unanimously.

New Business:

The members viewed photos of the Boardwalk at Goshenville and the Milltown Reservoir, some of which were taken during the site walk on December 20th. It was noted that the vegetation at Goshenville was mowed once a year and that the Chester Creek was fairly close to Reservoir Road north of Park Avenue.

Rick noted that the limits of the 100 year floodplain would not change significantly once the dam was breached and that while we could maintain a grass trail in the wetlands a paved trail would require a federal permit.

The members reviewed and provided comments on the draft survey prepared by Pete Simone. Rick advised that they would post the agenda for the Visioning Session and the survey on the Township website on Friday December 9th.

The Committee will review revised survey at their meeting on December 7th.

The members discussed the format of the Visioning Sessions. It was the consensus of the members that Pete Simone should as part of his presentation provide:

- A brief background on the Milltown Dam project
- That the Milltown Reservoir is currently classified as a passive recreation area and that is not expected to change.
- The Dam Committee has been asked to provide the Board with a recommendation.
- That while the Milltown Dam site has a lot of opportunities, the site also has a lot of constraints.

1 Rick was asked to prepare the opportunities/constraints list for the next meeting.

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3 **Adjournment:**

4 There being no further business, Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm the motion was
5 seconded by Chuck and approved unanimously.

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11 Louis F. Smith, Jr.

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December 1, 2016

Milltown Dam Opportunities and Restrictions

- Classified as passive recreation area
- Fishing Ponds
- Multiple Large Ponds
- Controlling sediment
- Trails (paved or unpaved)
- Bike trails
- Parking area (the location and number of cars)
- Unobstructed scenic water views
- Have grass up to the stream for visibility
- Boardwalks (similar to what is at Goshenville)
- Plaque with the history of the dam
- Use stone from valve house
- Privacy for homes that abut the Reservoir
- Pedestrian access to the site.
- Connecting the site to other neighborhoods.
- Traffic speed on Strasburg & Reservoir Roads.
- Maintenance of any improvements
- Need to maintain a view of the ponds and/or stream.
- Cannot use invasive plants
- Consider trees in the north end of the site and a more open area in the south end.
- Bird houses
- Americans with Disabilities Act requirements
- Wildlife viewing stations
- Benches
- FEMA Floodplain requirements
- Wetlands
- Area will continue to flood
- PA Department of Environmental Protection requirements
- US Army Corp of Engineers requirements