

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION OF THE ABC COMMISSIONS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
JANUARY 7, 2017 – 8:00 A.M.
FINAL MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Marty Shane, Vice-Chairman Carmen Battavio, and Supervisors Janet Emanuel, Chuck Proctor, Township Manager Rick Smith, Township CFO Jon Altshul, Director of Public Works Mark Miller, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Lang, and Director of Code Enforcement Mark Gordon.

Call to order:

Marty called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. and announced the news of Senya Isayeff's resignation from the Board, effective January 4, 2017. Marty announced that news of the vacant Board position has been posted on the Township website, that resumes will be accepted through Friday, January 13, 2017, 12 noon, and that interviews will take place, in random order, on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to select a replacement.

Conservancy Board: Chairman Sandra A. Snyder presented this report noting the following accomplishments for 2016:

- ✓ Continual replanting of buffer areas around creeks and the beautification of areas such as Supplee Preserve wetland area and along E. Boot Road near Bellingham; 10-15 cherry trees near Plank House and in Clymer's Woods including mowing of this area.
- ✓ Spraying in open space areas to ward off invasives.
- ✓ Identifying the location of the Serpentine Rock in the Park
- ✓ Taking apart a dam created by a beaver family and relocating the beavers to another location (Spring 2017)
- ✓ Continual site walks within the community
- ✓ Creation of Township Newsletter articles thanks to the efforts of Scott Sanders

Sandy stated the goals for 2017 are:

- ✓ Wood chipping around planted trees
- ✓ Continual spraying against invasives
- ✓ Develop a plan for the Serpentine Rock
- ✓ Upkeep of Blue Bird houses to control insect population
- ✓ April 22, 2017 is the date for "Keep E. Goshen Beautiful" Day. Volunteers are desperately needed.

Marty added that Clymer's Woods, which is currently being maintained as a free form woodland area may need to become a more manicured area as it also occupies the area which is the Gateway Entrance to E. Goshen Township.

Futurist Committee: Chairman Tom Kilburn stated that through the committee's research, the strengths of East Goshen Township are:

- ✓ Attractive neighborhoods
- ✓ A thriving business park
- ✓ An active Parks & Recreation Department
- ✓ A rich history

- ✓ The creation of a multiuse trail which will become a key to a healthy lifestyle for all and serve to draw more young families into the Township

Tom further commented that areas of growth for the Township would be:

- ✓ The creation of a much needed “town center” to house specialty shops, restaurants, micro businesses, and a central gathering area.
- ✓ Clear signage and lighting to highlight the “town center”.
- ✓ Amend the Township “bylaws” to allow for liquor sales.

Vice Chairman Rogers Vaughn discussed the need to establish a strategic long range planning objective with steps outlining how to achieve the objective and the stated benefits to all residents. Rogers added the Committee’s belief that Board should review and edit the long-range plan and once finalized, pass a resolution to make it official. Rogers commented that East Goshen is competing with Townships to its west that are improving their schools and housing in an effort to attract homebuyers. Rogers presented home sales analysis, from the last six years, of East Goshen Township and surrounding Townships. The analysis showed that East Goshen had a large percentage of condo sales in comparison to other Townships. Rogers recommended the need for a “branding” of the Township to include clear signage that would include renaming the Township to “Goshenville”.

Historic Commission: No summary presented. This Commission needs members.

Municipal Authority: Vice Chairman Ed McAssey, discussed the activities of the Municipal Authority. Their accomplishments for 2016 were:

- ✓ Continual maintenance and operation of the Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant.
- ✓ Continual monitoring of the inflow and infiltration into the sewer system.
- ✓ Development of an operational manual for Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant and Pump stations.
- ✓ Attend the quarterly meetings of the West Goshen Township Sewer Authority.
- ✓ Work on a grant to purchase equipment.

Ed noted that the West Goshen Sewer Plant, of which East Goshen Township has a 16.66% interest is currently undergoing an EPA review to determine its phosphorous limit and is in the process of upgrading the Plant’s equipment. Ed noted that West Goshen Township is contemplating a \$17 million bond issuance to handle upgrades to the West Goshen Sewer Plant and their collection system over the 2017 – 2020 time period.

Park and Recreation Commission: Jason Lang and Chairman, Christine Taraborelli discussed this commission. Jason recognized Joe Zulli for his past accomplishments on the Commission which include his contributions to the Park Master Plan creation. Jason introduced Christine Taraborelli, the new Commission Chair. Christine noted the Commission’s objectives moving forward to be:

- ✓ Increasing pedestrian circulation along Paoli Pike, especially in the form of a “Paoli Pike Promenade” with sidewalks and crosswalks, as well as increasing pedestrian circulation and pedestrian safety along Greenway, with trails, walkways, and crosswalks.
- ✓ Developing the Paoli Pike Trail to create the linkage between West Chester and Malvern, through East Goshen, from West Goshen to Willistown.
- ✓ Maintaining and upgrading East Goshen Park.

Jason presented the 2016 Year End Review PowerPoint presentation, noting some of the many accomplishments of the Commission:

- ✓ A highly popular Easter Egg Hunt.
- ✓ The continuation of the popular Farmers Market in the Park.
- ✓ 22 in 22 event to bring awareness to Veteran health issues.
- ✓ The creation of Fit & Fun in the Park events.
- ✓ Creation of Next Up Leadership Summit.
- ✓ \$3.6 Million in grants secured for the Paoli Pike Trail and Playground renovations. Jason thanked Mark Gordon for his vital contributions in this effort.

Planning Commission: Chairman Adam Knox discussed the Commission's efforts throughout 2016 to review the Township Zoning Ordinances looking for any inconsistencies. Adam noted the goals for 2017 to be:

- ✓ Assist in the Paoli Pike Trail Master Plan.
- ✓ To proactively review Zoning Ordinances as they relate to new technologies, drones, nodes replacing telecommunications towers and the best locations for them.

Board of Supervisors: Chairman Marty Shane noted the goals for 2017 to be:

- ✓ Promote the activities of the ABC Commissions through this Annual Planning Session meeting, the work of the committee Liaisons, and the Annual Holiday Volunteer Appreciation Reception.
- ✓ Oversee the final phase of the two Dam breaches. A committee for each Dam has been created to make recommendations. January 10, 2017 is the date for the Hershey Mill Dam meeting to determine the location of that breach.
- ✓ Continue to oversee the development of the Paoli Pike Trail. Marty commended Jason and Mark for all their efforts in securing grants.
- ✓ To appoint a new Supervisor to the Board.
- ✓ To negotiate a new Police contract.
- ✓ The creation of a Bicentennial Committee to move forward with planning this event.
- ✓ To secure volunteers to work on the Historical Commission.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Rossetti Hartnett
Recording Secretary