

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE
JANUARY 11, 2017
7:00 PM

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 14, 2017

December 15, 2017

3. NEW BUSINESS

Peter Simone – presentation of preliminary concept plans.

Photos from Baxter Wellmon

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 7:00pm.

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)

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE
1580 PAOLI PIKE
DECEMBER 14, 2016 – 7:00 pm
DRAFT MINUTES**

Present:

Mike Lehmicke – Chair, Vince “Mick” McInnis - Vice Chair, Glenn Artman, Dana Pizarro, Dave Hewett, and Chuck Hepler. Also in attendance were Supervisor Marty Shane, Township Manager Rick Smith, and Peter Simone, Sarah Leeper, and Melissa Barley from Simone Collins.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Moment of Silence:

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

New Business:

The members of the Dam Committee introduced themselves. Mike then introduced Peter Simone who introduced the members of his firm.

Peter advised those in attendance that the Milltown Reservoir was classified as a passive recreation area and there were no plans to change the designation. He noted the Committee was tasked with making recommendations on how the area above the dam would be developed after the dam was breached. The project will proceed in phases and the grants will be applied for. He also mentioned that surveys will be posted on the Township website to obtain input from the public.

Peter stated he had developed four goals for this project:

- Engage the public to get the best plan
- The project should be ecologically sustainable
- Protect the privacy of nearby residents
- Have a low maintenance landscape

He asked residents what they are losing and the residents noted the following:

- Wildlife
- Bald eagles
- Viewshed
- Fishing
- Ice skating
- Looking at water
- Ice hockey
- Open water views
- Joy

- Property values
- Sense of security (privacy)
- Loss of long views over water

Peter then provided some history on the dam and noted the following:

- The area will flood after the dam is breached.
- The landscape will be much more dynamic.
- PA DEP wants nature to determine the location of the stream.
- The water level is expected to be lowered in stages. This will let the exposed areas dry out and vegetation to become established. If need be, the Township will mow the area on a regular basis.
- He noted that State grant applications will be due in April 2017 and the Township will be in a position to apply.

Peter then asked what they would like to have and the residents suggested the following:

- Multiple ponds
- Buffer planting for homes in Waterview
- Scenic views from Reservoir Road
- Maximize the amount of water features

In response to a question, Peter advised that approximately 2 acres of wetlands exist at the reservoir today, and that the Township would be required to mitigate their loss. He noted that ponds require regular maintenance and that there is greater diversity of wildlife in a wetland than in a pond.

Peter then showed photos of amenities that had been installed at other stream restoration projects and the following was noted by those in attendance:

- Install a desilting pond upstream
- Spread milkweed seeds for butterflies
- Do something about the geese
- Maximize the water features
- No fences
- No trails
- Need to address trash problem
- Bike path/trail along Reservoir Road with a connection to Lochwood Lane
- Install crosswalk at Strasburg Road and Reservoir Road

Public Comment

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, and the motion was seconded by Dave and approved unanimously.

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Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence:

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

New Business:

The members of the Dam Committee introduced themselves. Mike then introduced Peter Simone who introduced the members of his firm.

The only resident in attendance was the wife of one of the Committee members, who indicated she did not have any comments on the project.

The members and Peter Simone had a general discussion about the project and the following issues were noted:

- Trash along Reservoir Road
- Speed of vehicles on Reservoir Road
- This is not a regional attraction.
- Fishing is the primary draw of people to the Reservoir.
- Noted that the Reservoir site is part of 100 acres of Township open space in the Chester Creek Watershed

Public Comment

None

Minutes

Dave moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2016, and the motion was seconded by Dana and approved unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, and the motion was seconded by Chuck and approved unanimously.

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Rick Smith

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To: [REDACTED]
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FYI – for discussion next week. I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays. Happy New Year!

Regards,
Mike

Mike and Chuck,

I have attached five pictures of an example of open vista areas of a creek through urban development similar to Waterview Farms home areas and Reservoir Road. Notice there is very little if no wetlands and no unsightly high grasses, brush and or thicket trees obstructing the landscape vista. With proper grading there is no reason the current reservoir could not be replaced with such an open vista and a smaller pond.

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