

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2017
7:00 PM

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

2. NEW BUSINESS

Review of the Draft Plan

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 11, 2017

January 25, 2017

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 22, 2017

May 23, 2017

June 20, 2017

Public Meeting #3 (Presentation of Draft Plan)

Committee Meeting (Final Plan Review)

Public Meeting #4 (Presentation of Final Plan at Supervisors Meeting)

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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE
1580 PAOLI PIKE
JANUARY 11, 2017 – 7:00 pm
DRAFT MINUTES**

Present:

Mike Lehmicke - Chair, Vince “Mick” McInnis - Vice Chair, Dana Pizarro, Dave Hewett, Glenn Artman, 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 7:04 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:

Mike announced that he was moving on February 10, 2017; however, since he has not sold his house, he would like to remain active on the Committee. Rick confirmed that since he still owned property in the Township he would be able to continue.

Peter Simone presented a synopsis of the public feedback from the survey. He noted that “Water Features, such as pond(s) for scenic beauty or fishing” was the number 1 requested improvement.

He showed some photos of what would be considered “world class” parks and outlined the Sustainable Sites Initiative. He noted that the concept plans contained the following elements and he explained each of the elements:

- Pond
- Low Mow/No-Mow Lawn
- Riparian Buffers
- Meadows
- Wetlands

Peter presented three concept plans, each of which incorporated the above elements. He noted that while all the plans assumed the new stream channel would be located on the east side of the reservoir, if that did not turn out to be the case, it would be possible to “flip” each of the plans.

Peter noted that the plans showed areas for parking, footpaths, piers for fishing, and boardwalks for access, and all of the plans were ADA compliant. He also noted that all of the plans incorporated a stream control structure in order to maintain a higher stream elevation in the north end of the reservoir. In addition, he kept the south end of the reservoir “open”, or free of improvements, since this area would typically flood during a storm event.

1 Rick said that on January 26, 2017, he would send out a “1000-foot” letter about the meeting.

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3 **Public Comment**

4 There was no public comment; however, Chuck thanked Mike for taking a leadership role in the
5 Committee and for continuing to volunteer his time.

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7 **Minutes**

8 Mike moved to approve the minutes of December 14 & 15, 2016, and the motion was seconded
9 by Mick and approved unanimously.

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11 **Adjournment:**

12 There being no further business, Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm, and the motion
13 was seconded by Dana and approved unanimously.

14 Respectfully submitted,

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19 Louis F. Smith, Jr.
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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE
1580 PAOLI PIKE
JANUARY 25, 2017 – 7:00 pm
DRAFT MINUTES**

7 **Present:**

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

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

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

15 **Moment of Silence:**

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

19 **New Business:**

20 Peter Simone introduced the members of his firm. He stated that Survey 1 was closed and that
21 there were 128 responses. He reviewed the results of Survey 1. Peter noted that tonight’s
22 PowerPoint presentation on the Concept Plans would be posted on the Township website and
23 that Survey 2 would be open on Thursday.

25 He showed photos of what would be considered “world class” parks and outlined the Sustainable
26 Sites Initiative. He noted that while they had developed three concept plans, the final plan may
27 not look exactly like any of them.

29 Sarah presented a plan which depicts what the reservoir will look like with a lowered spillway
30 and dam embankment. This plan basically shows a stream running through the reservoir.

32 She then showed a concept “bubble plan” that provided some key elevations, noting that one of
33 the goals of this project was to preserve the existing hydrology in order to maintain the existing
34 wetlands.

36 Sarah then presented Concept Plan 1 which depicts a 3-acre pond with some small islands on the
37 east side of the reservoir with the stream along Reservoir Road. The pond would be fed from the
38 stream and have an outlet which would provide for water circulation. Footpaths and boardwalks
39 would also be constructed.

41 She noted that there would be two parking areas on Reservoir Road, with pedestrian access to the
42 parking area in Supplee Valley and to Lochwood Lane. The area immediately in front of the dam
43 would be maintained as low-mow lawn, since it would be flooded frequently. Sarah stated that
44 the parking areas, pedestrian access, and low-mow lawn were common to all three concept plans.

1 Concept Plan 2 depicts a 2-acre pond on the west side of the reservoir, with the stream on the
2 east side. A large island would be constructed. There would be a footpath and there would also
3 be a fishing pier.

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5 Concept Plan 2 depicts a 1-acre pond on the west side of the reservoir, with the stream going
6 through the middle of the on the east side. A series of footpaths and boardwalks would allow for
7 pedestrian circulation.

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9 She noted it would be possible to “flip” each of the plans depending on the final location of the
10 stream.

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12 Sarah then reviewed the elements that were common to all of the plans:

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- 14 • Pond – A forebay would be needed to facilitate the removal of sediment.
- 15 • Streams – Connect fragmented habitats
- 16 • Low Mow/No-Mow lawn – A type of lawn with deep roots that is able to be flooded
- 17 • Riparian Buffers – Provide habitat and may contain trees to cool the stream
- 18 • Meadows - There are various types.
- 19 • Wetlands – There are various types of wetlands.

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21 Peter reviewed the timeline for the project, suggesting that the Board apply for grants to leverage
22 the Township funds.

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24 He then opened the floor up to questions and comments as noted below:

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- 26 • If grant funding is not secured it may take longer to install all of the plantings.
- 27 • The ponds will need to have a minimum depth of 3 feet.
- 28 • The proposed bond issue is for the 2 dams, Paoli Pike Trail, and the playground.
- 29 • A bathroom is not being proposed at this time.
- 30 • Parking must conform to ADA requirements.
- 31 • The maximum pond size is about 3 acres.
- 32 • The number of parking spaces is subject to change.
- 33 • If on-site parking is not provided, people may park on Lochwood Lane.

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35 Peter then distributed 2 orange stickers to each of the residents in attendance and asked them to
36 place them on the two concept plans they like the best.

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38 Concept Plan 1 received the most votes with Concept Plan 2 coming in second.

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40 **Any Other Matter:**

41 Mike stated that while he had not sold his house, since he was moving on February 10, 2017, he
42 was resigning as Chair.

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44 Dana moved to nominate Mick as Chair, and the motion was seconded by Glen and approved
45 unanimously.

1 Dave moved to nominate Dana as Vice Chair, and the motion was seconded by Mike and
2 approved unanimously.

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4 **Public Comment:**

5 There was no public comment.

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7 **Minutes:**

8 Action on the minutes for January 11, 2017, was tabled.

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10 **Adjournment:**

11 There being no further business, Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, and the motion
12 was seconded by Dana and approved unanimously.

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14 Respectfully submitted,

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18 Louis F. Smith, Jr.
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