

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
JANUARY 25, 2017 – 7:00 pm  
FINAL 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 7:00 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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Any Other Matter:**

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

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

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

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Minutes:**

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

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Louis F. Smith, Jr.  
Township Manager

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