

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
HERSHEY MILL DAM COMMITTEE
1580 PAOLI PIKE
NOVEMBER 17, 2016 – 6:30 pm
FINAL MINUTES**

Present:

Sue Davis, Blake Goll, Wendy Bartenstein, Nancy Aller, Ed Tomlinson, Jim Edmonds, Tom Beggs and Jim Brandolini. Also in attendance were Jon Altshul, East Goshen Township, and Peter Simone, Melissa Barley and Sarah Leeper, representing Simone Collins.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Blake called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence:

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

Minutes

Jim Edmonds made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Ed seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Peter Simone provided an overview of the work that his firm would be doing over the next several months. He explained that Simone Collins would participate in four public meetings aimed at the broader public, in addition to attending three more Hershey's Mill Dam Committee meetings. He stated that his firm plans to have a draft plan available after the March 23rd meeting, which would be posted on the Township's website for 60 days to allow for public comment, and a final plan presented, with cost estimates, at the last public meeting in June.

Peter state that he would like the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to participate in the process to ensure that that the plans are developed in accordance with its standards in order to position the project for possible grant opportunities. He stated that there will be a round of DCNR grant funding closing in April and a round of Department of Community and Economic Development grant funding closing in June, both of which the Township should apply for. He noted that even if the Township is unsuccessful in its first attempt, it is worthwhile to continue to apply again and again. He also observed that grant funding through foundations, including the William Penn Foundation, may be available for projects like this.

Ed asked Peter if the Historical Commission and the Conservancy Board would be invited to participate in the process. Peter said that, yes, they should be. Jon noted that the Historical Commission is not currently fully staffed, but that Township Staff would make sure that the Conservancy Board was apprised of what was going on with the Hershey's Mill Dam Committee's work.

Public Comment

Jacqueline Weber, 60 Line Road, stated that she has wetlands on her property and that they attract rats and snakes. She is in favor of keeping the dam. She said that the Township is only interested in development and doesn't care about preserving its history.

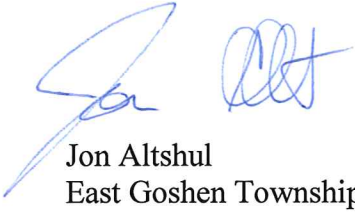
Shirley Fox, 1711 East Boot Road, stated that the Paoli Pike Path is more expensive than repairing the dam and that she is in favor or restoring the dam.

Sally Warren, Hadleigh Dr, asked if the dam can be restored. Jon and the members of the committee explained to Ms. Weber, Ms. Fox and Ms. Warren that those decisions are outside the purview of this committee.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm by a motion from Ed and seconded by Jim Brandolini.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Jon Altshul in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'JA' followed by a flourish.

Jon Altshul
East Goshen Township

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