EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP HERSHEY MILL DAM COMMITTEE 1580 PAOLI PIKE NOVEMBER 3, 2016 – 6:30 pm FINAL MINUTES

Present:

Sue Davis, Jim Edmunds, Blake Goll, Wayne Hall, Wendy Bartenstein, Nancy Aller, Tom Beggs, Ed Tomlinson, and Jim Brandolini. Also in attendance was Township Manager Rick Smith.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Wayne called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence:

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

Minutes

Ed moved to approve the minutes for the October 25, 2016, meeting as presented; the motion was seconded by Jim and approved unanimously.

New Business:

The members discussed their observations from the site visits on October 29 and 30, 2016, and noted the following items and opportunities to consider: establish viable wetlands, improve the health of the stream, re-establish the ecological function of the area, trails, fish pond, small waterfall or have the stream flow over rocks, use native plants, parking, pedestrian access to the area, an area for recreation, a playground.

It was suggested that the following factors be considered when evaluating the opportunities: topography, hydrology, flora & fauna, animals, geology, and use of the land.

The members noted the site had the following restrictions: Limited amount of available land, the site will flood, wetlands, limited access to the site.

The need to protect any new plantings from deer was noted.

Meeting Dates

The Committee reviewed the following meeting dates as proposed by Simone Collison:

Committee Meeting #1	Nov 17, 6:30 pm
Committee Meeting #2	January 17, 6:30 pm
Committee Meeting #3	February 23, 6:30 pm
Committee Meeting #4	May 24, 6:30 pm (review draft plan comments)

Public Meeting #1	December 5, 7 pm
Public Meeting #2	January 26, 7 pm
Public Meeting #3	March 23, 7 pm (draft plan – 60 day review)
Public Meeting #4	June 22, 7pm (final plan presentation)

Tom moved to approve the dates as presented; the motion was seconded by Jim and approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Sally Warren of Hadleigh expressed a concern about pedestrians walking along Hershey Mill Road and asked them to consider a trail. It was the consensus of the members to add a walking and bike path along Hershey Mill Road to the list of opportunities to consider.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis F. Smith Jr. Township Manager

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