

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

Present:

Mike Lehmicke, Vince “Mick” McInnis, Vice Chair, Glenn Artman, Dana Pizarro, Dave Hewett and Chuck Hepler. Also in attendance were Supervisor Marty Shane and Township Manager Rick Smith.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence:

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

Minutes:

Dave motioned to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2016 meeting as presented; the motion was seconded by Glenn and approved unanimously.

Old Business

The Board reviewed the revised survey. It was a consensus of the members to revise the 3rd item under Question 10 to just “Boardwalks” since they may not be only located in the wetlands. Rick was requested to find out when the survey would go live on the website.

The Committee discussed where the wetlands would be located, and if they would impact how the site was developed. Rick advised that Gannett Fleming has delineated the existing wetlands at the site. He noted that as a general rule there can be no net loss of wetlands with dam removal projects. The expectation was that some of the existing wetlands would dry up when the reservoir is drained, but that new wetlands will develop at other locations along the stream.

New Business:

Chuck updated the members on his observations from the Hershey Mill Dam Visioning session that was held on Monday, December 5th. He noted that Pete Simone had done a good job in getting input for the residents in attendance.

The members discussed the format of the Visioning Sessions. Chuck noted that Pete Simone had followed the script this Committee had agreed upon on November 30, 2016 and it had worked well. It was the consensus of the members that Mike would open the meeting and after the Committee members had introduced themselves, he would term the meeting over to Pete Simone.

The Committee discussed mechanics of the project. Rick advised that it was anticipated the spillway would be lowered in stages, and it would take about one growing season to get the

spillway at the design elevation and the site established with vegetation. It was suggested that Pete Simone provide the public with a timeline as part of his presentation so they would know what to expect.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, and the motion was seconded by Dave and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager

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