

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HERSHEY MILL DAM COMMITTEE MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
February 16, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Present:** Committee Members: Chair Wayne Hall, Tom Beggs, Ed Tomlinson, Jim Brandolini, Jim Edmunds (arrived mid-way thru the meeting), and Sue Davis; and Township Manager Rick Smith and Peter Simone

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

Wayne called the meeting to order at 6:38 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 keep us safe both locally and abroad.

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

Review Comments on Concept Plans

In response to a question, Rick reviewed the dates for presentation, public comment period, and review of the Draft Plan, and when the Final Plan would be presented to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval.

Peter Simone noted that the Draft Plan to be presented on March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be 90% of where we want to be with the Final Plan.

In response to a question, Peter noted that the “control structures” depicted on the Concept Plan are intended to control the water level.

Wayne stated the Committee should put out the best possible plan.

Rick reported that he had contacted the PA Department of Community and Economic Development about the “public access” requirement for their grant programs. For the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program, “public access” is part of the intent of the program. The projects funded through this program are intended to provide access to outdoor/indoor recreation facilities, parks, trails, etc. However, the Department also has a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program. The intent of this program is to reduce the number of streams on the DEP Impaired Waters list and “public access” is not a requirement.

In response to a question, Peter noted that the pond is about 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an acre in area. It was located by the road to facilitate maintenance and was intended to be used for fishing.

The issue of benches was discussed and it was suggested that flat rocks and logs could be used for seating. Peter reiterated that the final product would be a Master Plan, and the specifics on the proposed improvements would be determined later.

Wayne suggested that the Committee needed to provide some direction to Peter with respect to the Draft Plan.

It was the consensus of the Committee that there should be no improvements to the access easements or changes to existing footpaths and that Peter should prepare a Draft Plan for the impoundment area only. This plan should show the existing sewer line footpath. The plan should depict a footpath going to the rock waterfall and a path to the island/fishing pond. There should also be a path around the impoundment area. This path should be located to minimize the impact to the abutting property owners.

There was also a consensus that the Committee needed to provide some communication to the residents about what was being depicted on the Draft Plan and why. Rick noted that the Township would be sending out a 1,000-foot letter for the public meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> when the Draft Plan would be presented. Peter noted that the Draft Plan would be accompanied by a narrative and a cost estimate. He offered to draft a letter that would serve as the 1,000-foot letter.

### **Minutes**

Jim Brandolini moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2017, and the motion was seconded by Tom and approved unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Bob Dirita and Carol Connolly both thanked the Committee for listening to the residents.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm and the motion was seconded by Sue and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis F. Smith, Jr.  
Township Manager