

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MILLTOWN DAM COMMITTEE
1580 PAOLI PIKE
FEBRUARY 22, 2017 – 7:00 pm
FINAL MINUTES**

Present:

Chair-Vince “Mick” McInnis, Vice Chair-Dana Pizarro, Dave Hewett, Glenn Artman, Mike Lehmicke and Chuck Hepler. Also in attendance were Supervisors Marty Shane, Carmen Battavio, Mike Lynch, Township Manager Rick Smith, and Peter Simone and Sarah Leeper from Simone Collins.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Mick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence:

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

New Business:

Sarah reviewed the results from Survey 2 stating that there were 55 responses. She noted that Concept Plan 1 was the first choice for 20 respondents and the second choice for 5, Concept Plan 2 was the first choice for 7 respondents and second choice for 18. Concept Plan 3 received 4 first place votes and 7 second place votes.

She also noted the survey indicated that while people to not walk on the roads there was support for a trail to the site and within the site. In addition there was interest in the water feature (pond) with fishing access and the normal park amenities.

Peter noted that while the final location of the stream had not been determined, Concept Plans 1 and 2 could be flipped if need be.

Rick noted that people will have a hard time visualizing the flipped plan and suggested both versions should be depicted for the selected Concept Plan.

The Committee reviewed the three Concept Plans and it was the consensus of the Committee to go with Concept Plan 1, since that showed the largest body of water possible.

It was noted that while the original construction plans showed the creek being close to Reservoir Road, the last time the impoundment was dewatered the creek was on the east side. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Draft Plan, which would be referred to as Plan 1A should show the creek on the east side. This plan would be fully developed with all of the applicable elements. A second Draft Plan 1B would be prepared that would show the creek along Reservoir Road. This plan would contain less detail.

There was some discussion of how large the pond could be? Peter noted that pond on Concept Plan 1 was +/- 3 acres in size. The cuts and the fills on Concept Plan 1 are balanced, which means that none of the material has to be removed from the site. A larger pond would require material to be removed which would increase the cost. Peter stated the actual pond may be larger or smaller than what is depicted on the Concept Plan as the engineering is finalized.

Mick noted that 5 homes in Waterview currently have a direct view of the water, and these views should be preserved if possible.

Marty asked Peter if they had developed any preliminary costs. Peter noted that they were moving about 38,000 cubic yards of sediment, which at \$9 a cubic yard worked out to around \$350,000. Peter noted that DCNR grant applications were due April 12, and DCED grant applications were due May 31st. In addition the Township may be able to get credit against their MS4 Permit obligations and some of the improvements could be done in phases. Peter noted that detailed costs estimate will be presented with the Draft Plan in March.

The Committee then discussed the trails, site access and parking.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the Draft Plan should show the trail along Reservoir Road, and a foot path in the impoundment area. The Plan should also depict a future connection along Reservoir Road to West Chester Pike, and future connection along Reservoir Road to the north, both of which are referenced in the Comp Plan, and a future connection to Lochwood Lane. The intention being that these connections would be constructed at a later date. It was suggested that a pedestrian crosswalk be marked at Park Avenue.

It was a consensus of the Committee that a parking area for +/- 10 cars with adequate sight distance be installed at the south end of the Reservoir. Additional parking spaces and/or areas could be installed in the future if the demand warranted it.

Rick noted that the parking area and paved trails would necessitate stormwater management which increases the cost.

The Committee discussed the need for a restroom, and it was the consensus that if one was installed it should be located between the parking area and the dam, since this area contained several trees. Carmen noted that the Township was going to install a porta-potty in the Applebrook Park this summer. The porta-potty would be screened by fencing and used to determine whether there is a need for a permanent facility. It was suggested that this approach be tried with this project.

Public Comment:

Carmen stated he was very impressed by the Committee's efforts.

Minutes:

Dana moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2017, and the motion was seconded by Dave and approved unanimously.

Dana moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2017, and the motion was seconded by Mick and approved unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mike moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, and the motion was seconded by Dave and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager

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