EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING AUGUST 9, 2017

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Sandy Snyder, Erich Meyer, John Scheidt, Walter Wujcik and Scott Sanders. Also in attendance was Mike Lynch, Township Supervisor.

Call to Order

Since Sandy was going to be late, Erich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Erich led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked for a moment of silence to remember those who serve in our military and our first responders.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Milltown Dam - Dave Hewett, 1514 Alison Dr. – He was a member of the Milltown Dam Committee and wanted to inform the Conservancy Board about the plans. The Milltown Dam is being drained to a lower level due to edict from the state of PA. He is a biker and rides near Valley Forge were they have an Audubon Center with birds, meadows and wetlands. There will be some new land to develop at Milltown and he would like to see it done as at the Audubon Center. He talked to the park manager who said he would come to talk at a meeting. Mike Lynch mentioned that the committee has been dissolved and the plan is going forward. He encouraged Dave to suggest to the Board of Supervisors that they set up a committee to continue to oversee the project. Dave encouraged the CB Members to visit the John James Audubon Center at Millgrove Valley Forge off Rt. 422. There is a museum there too. Mike mentioned that the Milltown stream will find its course. At that time they will put the plan into effect. It will take a few years. Sandy commented that the CB has worked on Supplee Valley, which is on the other side of Strasburg Rd. Maybe the two areas could become a nature preserve.

2018 Budget

There is about \$3,000 remaining in the 2017 budget. Need to get Weeds Inc. to do his spraying and have a fall planting.

For the 2018 Budget, Sandy will ask Weeds Inc. to look at the Clymers Woods area to see what needs to be done there. Dead trees need to be removed and new ones planted. Mulch is there but needs to be put around the trees. Possible planting at the boardwalk was discussed. John moved to keep General Expense at \$500, keep Professional Services at \$1,000 and increase Landscaping to \$3,500 making a total of \$5,000 for 2018. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Sandy will provide a report for the BOS of what projects will be done by the end of 2017.

Newsletter – Scott has an article for the next newsletter.

<u>Goals</u> – Serpentine maintenance – Sandy asked board members to do some research and bring the data to the next meeting.

Board Member Concerns

- 1. Walter mentioned that they are piling road millings in Applebrook near the school. He is concerned that the grass won't grow when the millings are removed. Sandy will monitor this.
- 2. Erich mentioned that there are some branches in Clymers Woods that need to be pruned. Some are hiding the trail and encroaching in the roadway.

Correspondence

Sandy acknowledged receipt of Zoning Hearing Board Letters for the following:

1380 Enterprise Drive – sign

1007 Taylor Ave – subdivide

1506 Meadowbrook Dr - subdivide

Adjournment

There being no further business, Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Walter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be September 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer Recording Secretary

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