

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Sandy Snyder, Erich Meyer, Walter Wujcik, Andy Tyler and Patti Brown. Also in attendance was Mike Lynch, Township Supervisor and Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer.

Call to Order

Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Sandy 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 August 9, 2017 meeting were approved.

Sub Division Review

Applebrook Associates - Bob Plucienik, Chester Valley Engineers and Jared Viarengo, General Manager of Applebrook Golf Club were present. Bob reviewed the proposal to install a learning center. He described the building where golf lessons will be held. Currently they teach on the driving range. This will be an all weather facility. The pathway from the parking lot to the building is 200 ft. They are planning to install additional landscaping. There was discussion about the area where the temporary construction access from Boot Road will be. Since it is near the wetland, they had a wetland consultant mark where the wetland is. The area will be restored after construction. Total impervious is 3000 sq. ft. The Board members reviewed the landscaping plan. Sandy recommended diversity of trees. They will mix white pine, spruce, red maple etc. They will include the mix on the plan. The Board will review it and the report from the township engineer at their next meeting.

Variances

Synthes USA, Conditional Use. Brendon Burke, attorney; Lisa Thomas, designer; and Kyle Turner, Synthes Safety Officer were present. They are seeking approval to increase the Total Impervious coverage on the property to 60%. The existing coverage is 55%, which was approved by Conditional Use in 2003. Internal corporate and government safety protocols as well as insurance requirements are driving this request. Lisa explained that they want to install additional parking spaces, which will require tree removal. They will plant replacement trees and shrubs. She described the types of trees. Also, they want to install a new pathway. A sidewalk was discussed. Sandy asked about the height of the trees and the airport airway. Mark commented that the FAA has set a maximum height for trees in the airport airway at 23 feet. Lisa will check on the height of the trees and remove ones that will be too high.

Erich moved that the Board recommend approval of the Synthes USA Conditional Use application to increase the impervious cover on their property to 60% with the following conditions:

1. The applicant will return to the Conservancy Board during the Land Development review process.
2. The applicant will consider implementing a variety of best practice methods to deal with the increased storm water runoff from the increased impervious coverage
3. The applicant will meet all zoning requirements for the airport airway
4. The applicant will meet all requirements for understory trees.

Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sandy abstained.

Old Business

Newsletter – Scott has an article for the next newsletter. Deadline is November 1st.

2018 Budget – Sandy submitted the budget to Jon Altshul.

Fall Planting – Sandy suggested boardwalk enhancement such as plaques. Mark mentioned that Chas in the Public Works department made some very good plaques. The Board decided not to use Kiosks because of the maintenance involved. Erich will get pricing on trees.

Invasives – Erich reported that the Board of Supervisors was asked about invasives on the pipeline. There is concern about a possible overrun of invasives that Sunoco may have brought on their equipment. Mark commented that Sunoco should be compelled to spray and use the township’s contractor. Sandy will send a response to the BOS.

Serpentine Rock – Walter found that Unionville has a Restoration and Management Plan for invasive removal, burnings, monitoring, etc. They have 50 acres of woodlands. Also the LA Times had an article about the barrons in PA. In 2010 Natural Lands Trust included this in their report. The Board members should read both of these reports for discussion next month.

Liaison Reports

Municipal Authority – Walter reported that we have received all permits for the Reservoir Road Pump Station.

Board of Supervisors – Mike reported that they are working on the 2018 budget and pipeline resolution.

Any Other Matter

Mark suggested that the Board walk the Applebrook wetland. The Board will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 23rd.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Walter moved to adjourn the meeting. Patti seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting will be October 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary