

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018  
FINAL APPROVED**

The East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors held the Annual Planning Session on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the Township Building. Those in attendance were:

Board of Supervisors

E. Martin Shane, Chairman  
Carmen Battavio, Vice Chairman  
Janet Emanuel  
Michael Lynch  
David Shuey

Conservancy Board

Sandy Snyder, Chairman  
Walter Wujick  
Erich Meyer

Futurist Committee

Thomas Kilburn

Municipal Authority

Ed McAssey, Chairman  
Jack Yahraes

Park & Recreation Commission

Christine Taraborelli, Chairman  
Daniel Leicht, Vice Chairman

Planning Commission

Brad Giresi, Chairman  
Jim McRee, Vice Chairman  
Daniel Daley  
Monica Close  
Ernest Harkness

Township Staff

Rick Smith, Township Manager  
Mark Miller, Public Works Director  
Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer  
Jason Lang, Recreation Director  
John Altshul, Director of Finance

Marty Shane opened the meeting at 8:15 am. He introduced the two new Supervisors, Michael Lynch and David Shuey.

Conservancy Board

Sandy Snyder explained that the mission of the Conservancy Board is to preserve the natural resources in East Goshen Township. Their goals are to continue maintenance as follows:

1. Continue invasive species control
2. Continue maintenance of the blue bird houses in Applebrook
3. Develop a maintenance plan for the Serpentine Barren
4. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day had a good turnout in 2017
5. Maintain the riparian buffer along the creeks
6. Maintain Clymer's Woods. They are 90% done laying woodchips around the trees. They want to clear out the underbrush near the bridge.
7. In 2017 they planted 10 trees along the boardwalk in the historic area.
8. In 2017 a study was done on the 6 ponds in East Goshen. They will review the study and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Sandy thanked Rick, Mark Gordon and especially Mark Miller and the Public Works Department for all of the support they give. She also thanked their liaison Mike Lynch who attends the meetings and helps with plantings.

Marty explained the pond study and the reason for it. Mike spoke about the mission of the Conservancy Board and the future of streams in the area. Marty introduced the staff members and thanked them for all they do for the Township.

### Futurist Commission

Tom Kilburn mentioned the other members of the Commission, Luann Petrellis, Rod Vaughn and, new member, Mike James. He appreciates the guidance they are receiving from Brad Giresi who started attending their meetings a few years ago. He presented the accomplishments/goals the Commission is working on:

1. The creation of a much needed “town center” to house specialty shops, restaurants, micro businesses, and central gathering areas.

The focus here is through the Paoli Pike Master Plan Committee (PPMPC) which has an objective to develop a vision with visuals and a zoning overlay of the “town center” to guide development in this area. They will focus on ideas to make this area developer friendly and to budget next year for a development consultant to focus activities going forward.

2. Clear signage and lighting to highlight the “town center”.

Focus here again is through the PPMPC, which has an objective to develop a plan for clear signage and streetscape for the town center.

3. Amend East Goshen Township bylaws to allow for liquor sales.

Several discussions with a Giant project executive have indicated that they may be interested in leading a referendum to accomplish this in EGT, much as they have successfully done in three other dry townships this year, including East Bradford. Giant leading this effort is the easiest way for EGT to move forward at this point. Other options will need to be considered if Giant defers.

4. Establish a strategic long-range planning objective with steps outlining how to achieve the objective and the stated benefits to all residents, then adopt a resolution to make it official.

A document with several long-range planning objectives was prepared and presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption in April. The BOS seemed to favor adoption of all items except the renaming of the township to Goshenville but no action was taken.

5. Need for a “branding” of the Township to include clear signage that would include renaming the township to “Goshenville”.

Discussions with the BOS and PPMPC led to the idea of branding the “Town Center” as “Goshenville” rather than the entire township. Output from the PPMPC now has that idea incorporated in its recommendations.

Tom mentioned that two West Chester University professors are working with them to determine how real estate values will be impacted by these changes. Mike Lynch commented that East Bradford put FAQs on their website about LCB licenses.

### Municipal Authority

Ed McAssey mentioned that the West Goshen Sewer Plant, of which East Goshen Township has a 16.66% interest, is in the process of upgrading the Plant's equipment. The Authority and BOS recently entered into an agreement with West Goshen to address how the improvements will be paid for. The most recent bond issue addressed the funding of the improvements. The members of the Authority have been regularly attending West Goshen Sewer Authority meetings. West Goshen Township is currently undergoing an EPA review to determine its phosphorous limit. This matter is still in federal court. West Goshen has provided the required information to the court. The EPA has asked and been granted several extensions. West Goshen has undertaken a study on what would need to be done to the treatment process if the court establishes a lower phosphorous limit. They (and East Goshen) have funding to construct the required improvements if needed. Ed mentioned that East Goshen will start to reline the tanks at the Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant. He thanked Rick and Mark Miller for all of the work they do to maintain our sewer system. He introduced the Chairman for 2018 Jack Yahraes. Jack mentioned that Ed is moving to Lancaster and thanked him for his 5 years of service.

### Park & Recreation Commission

Jason Lang mentioned that this is a 9 member Commission that has accomplished a lot in 2017. All Park Commission accomplishments are shared with the Public Works Department. Public Works works early, late and tirelessly in support of park daily operations and events. In 2017:

1. "Fit and Fun" initiative recognized by Gov. Wolf as best health & wellness program in the State.
2. EGT was awarded the inaugural GOOD Award by DCNR/PRPS
3. Liv Live Concert (Suicide Awareness) awarded PEPS Excellence Award
4. Partnered with West Goshen Township to host a successful Bicentennial Celebration. The BC was later named an NRPA Park Champion Finalist, as one of the top four events across the country in 2017!!
5. Park Commission member Debbie Snyder single handedly grew the Senior Card Club from a four person/twice monthly meeting to a twenty person/six days a week social party.
6. "Big" four events were all well attended. The Food Truck & Music Festival had an estimated 2,500 people, which was 2,000 more than expected.
7. Received \$565,000 in grants to develop the Milltown Dam Park.

Jason mentioned the data he collected about how many people use the park and explained how it impacts health.

Christine Taraborelli commented about the 2018 goals.

1. Increase pedestrian circulation along Paoli Pike, especially in the form of a "Paoli Pike Promenade" with sidewalks and crosswalks, as well as increasing pedestrian circulation and safety along Greenways, with trails, walkways and crosswalks.
2. Develop the Paoli Pike Trail to create the linkage between West Chester and Malvern, through East Goshen, from West Goshen to Willistown. Also the BOS

suggests the Commission consider the potential for feeder trails from the various developments to the Paoli Pike Trail.

3. Complete the playground renovation. Opening is expected to be in March/April.
4. Renovate the basketball court area
5. Improve the upper sports fields to include landscaping and increased driveway
6. Install security cameras in the park

Christine mentioned that they want to make the Veterans Pavilion more for seniors with chessboards, etc. Also they want to improve the pathway from the Pavilion to the Pickle Ball Court. Also, a picnic area will be installed to support the playground and the baseball fields.

Marty acknowledged all that Jason does especially the Bicentennial. He spoke about the park and its importance in the township. He thanked Mark Miller and Public Works for all the work they do on a daily basis.

### Planning Commission

Brad Giresi acknowledged the other members of the Commission and thanked Mark Gordon for all of the support he gives them. He gave the following update on the progress of the Commission's 2017 goals:

1. Assist in the Paoli Pike Master Corridor Plan.
  - a. The Commission met with the Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan Committee on June 7<sup>th</sup> and provided feedback to the committee on the planning done to date.
  - b. Staff has kept us informed of the current planning on the Corridor Plan throughout the process and has sought our feedback for inclusion into the plan.
  - c. Two members of the Commission are members of the Corridor Plan Committee and update us monthly while seeking input from the Commission.
  - d. The PC is already discussing how to move forward with a "Town Center" overlay district in anticipation of a supporting recommendation in the Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan.
2. Review the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to new technologies.
  - a. The Township amended the Zoning Ordinance in 2016 to include Distributive Antenna Systems (DAS) into the body of existing wireless communications regulations. Since then, Crown Castle applied for conditional use approval to install 6 new DAS node locations. The PC worked with Crown Castle to site the location of those nodes during the application process. DAS nodes are helping to provide more reliable coverage in highly populated and intense use areas. The PC will continue to stay informed on new wireless communication technologies.
  - b. Drone technologies are quickly evolving and so are their commercial applications. The PC has asked staff to bring them up to speed on the latest FAA regulations in order to determine if amendments to our existing ordinance are warranted.

Items they will be looking at in 2018 are:

- a. Review the PPMCP and look at the overlay district to determine what needs to be amended in the Zoning Ordinance.
- b. Look at single family development for the remaining parcels in the township.

Marty thanked Mark Gordon and the Planning Commission for all the research and recommendations they make to the BOS.

RECAP & CLOSING REMARKS

Marty thanked Rick for coordinating with Sunoco on the pipeline. He thanked Jon Altshul for the work he did on the pipeline resolution for the township. He spoke about the decision the BOS made to breach the 2 dams in the township and the committees that were organized for the residents to participate in. Applications for grants for these two projects were submitted.

The bond issue was very successful. East Goshen has a AAA bond rating along with Chester County and the West Chester Area School District.

Janet, as Chairman of the Paoli Pike Trial Committee and the Corridor Taskforce, appreciates all the input from the residents. She acknowledged all ABCs and what they do. She feels East Goshen has the best ABCs and hardest working residents.

Mike has a background in municipal government. He is so impressed with the expertise and knowledge of the volunteers and the interfacing of the ABCs and the township staff. This helps the BOS made good decisions.

David commented that he has no experience with an ABC. The pipeline was his incentive to become involved. He is looking forward to attending the ABC meetings and getting to know the volunteers.

Rick thanked all of his staff (office and public works) for all that they do all year.

Marty led the Pledge of Allegiance and adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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