

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Sandy Snyder, Erich Meyer, Walter Wujcik, John Scheidt, Patti Brown, Andy Tyler and Scott Sanders. Others in attendance: 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 November 8, 2017 meeting were approved.

Subdivision/Land Development Review

West Chester Area School District (LD) - Mark Gordon explained the School District's request for renovation and addition to the East Goshen Elementary school. The biggest item is a 2-story building. Mark Gordon introduced Mark Groves, WCASD Capital Program Manager and George Hartman of Bohler Engineering. Mark Groves mentioned that the last renovation was done in 1994, which included a new wing with a gym and classrooms. The current renovation is needed due to the full day kindergarten program started this year and growth in the area. They will demo the front part of the building and replace it with a 2-story building. Work will start the summer of 2018 and will take 2 years. He showed a rendering of the proposed 2-story building. The School District will rent space at the Friends School for the kindergarten classes. There will be an elevator in the new 2-story building. George Hartman explained that the existing modular area will be removed. He described the proposed plantings. Evergreens will screen along the property line with the historic property. The staging area during construction will be on the soccer field. They will use a timber mat and will restore the soccer field when done.

Scott moved to approve the WCASD plan for renovation of East Goshen Elementary School. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Serpentine Rock - Sandy sent the CB's notes to Jason who sent it back with Park & Rec comments. It outlined a maintenance plan and did not want a fence around the area. They suggested an educational sign similar to the one at the Butterfly Garden.

Sandy feels their comments about maintaining with a third party to come every 2 weeks is costly and not necessary. Erich feels if the burn is done properly, it won't be necessary to use a third party. Sometimes it takes 3 years until another burn is needed. The CB will take the lead on this project. Sandy will send a letter to the BOS and Park & Rec.

Pond Study - Sandy spoke about the Pond Study results. Mike mentioned that the BOS wants the CB to review the study and set up a plan to maintain the ponds. His main interest for the CB is the ponds. The process of maintaining them with buffers and meadows must be part of the process if there is dredging to be done.

Fall Planting - Sandy thanked everyone who helped with the planting. She thanked Erich for working with Sam Brown Nursery to get the trees and thanked his neighbor for all the help she gave.

New Business

2018 Officers – Walter nominated Erich for Chairman. Erich declined. Erich nominated Andy who also declined. Erich reconsidered and accepted the Chairman position. John seconded Walter’s nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Andy nominated Walter for Vice Chairman. John seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual ABC Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 8:00 am. Sandy will present the CB report. Sandy mentioned that in the past the BOS sent out proposed goals before the ABC meeting. Mark suggested that she email her report to Susan D’Amore.

Website – Sandy will ask Jon Altshul if the CB Newsletter articles can be put on the Township Website under the CB tab.

Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – Sandy reminded everyone that a date has to be selected as soon as possible so letters and flyers can be distributed.

Liaison Reports

Municipal Authority – Walter reported that West Goshen is starting their construction/improvements. Mike mentioned that East Bradford is selling their system to Aqua

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 January 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary