

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2018
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 10, 2018

3. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. **Discuss PECO grant opportunities**
 - b. 2018 ABC goals
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. **Continue discussing plans for “Keep East Goshen Beautiful” Day**
 - b. Spring Planting
 - c. Discuss Serpentine project area in the park

5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
6. VARIANCES
7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
8. LIAISON REPORTS
9. CORRESPONDENCE
10. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Feb 19, 2018	Office Closed – President’s Day	-----
Feb 20, 2018	Board of Supervisors	07:00pm
Feb 20, 2018	Futurist Committee	07:00pm
March 01, 2018	Park & Recreation Commission	07:00pm
March 06, 2018	Board of Supervisors	07:00pm
March 07, 2018	Planning Commission	07:00pm
March 12, 2018	Municipal Authority	07:00pm

11. PUBLIC COMMENT
12. ADJOURNMENT

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2018

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Erich Meyer, Sandy Snyder, Walter Wujcik, Patti Brown, and Scott Sanders. Others in attendance: Mike Lynch, Township Supervisor.

Call to Order

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 December 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

Zoning Hearing Board Notices

Erich acknowledged receipt of the notices for 1665 E. Boot Road and the Malvern Institute.

New Business

1. Keep East Goshen Beautiful – The Board members agreed to have this event on Saturday, April 21, 2018. April 22nd is Earth Day. Erich will notify Township staff so it can be put on the Township calendar and the electronic board. Sandy suggested editing last year’s flyer and putting it in the next Newsletter.

2. Spring Planting – Several locations were discussed. Erich reviewed the type of trees that were planted in November along E. Boot Road. The Board members were very happy with the trees from Sam Brown Nursery. On Saturday March 17, 2018 the Board members will walk the area along E. Boot Road to check the trees and see what needs to be done. Mark Miller will be asked to make a PA 1 call for Clymers Woods so the Board can continue to work there.

3. Pond Study – Mike mentioned that this study should be done by the end of January. Rick Smith will ask Toth Brothers to prioritize the Ponds. The Board of Supervisors plans to set up 3 committees for residents from the 3 areas, Hershey Mill Estates, Bow Tree and Marydell/Pin Oaks. They also want input from the Conservancy Board. Rain Gardens were discussed. Scott suggested using a pond that is accessible and put signs up that describe what is being done and why. Mike suggested that a representative from Toth Brothers attend a CB meeting. Sandy suggested adding the Pond Study as an agenda item.

Old Business

Serpentine Rock - Sandy spoke with Jason Lang about this project. The CB will take the lead on this project. Need to contact Mark Miller about doing a burn.

Board Member Concerns

Sandy reported that the beavers are back and have built a dam on the stream in Supplee Valley again.

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Liaison Reports

Municipal Authority – Walter reported that the meeting was postponed to January 22 because of the weather this Monday.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Walter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be February 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary



January 19, 2018

GRANT OPPORTUNITY
DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 31, 2018

Over the years, numerous municipalities, regional recreational authorities and nonprofits in southeastern Pennsylvania have undertaken a variety of open space projects. Recognizing the importance of these initiatives to preserve open land, PECO is partnering with Natural Lands to provide grants to assist in these efforts. Eligible applicants include municipalities and regional recreational authorities within PECO's service territory (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York). Within the City of Philadelphia, incorporated nonprofit neighborhood organizations are also eligible.

Through PECO Green Region, PECO makes grants in amounts up to \$10,000. As the enclosed brochure outlines, the grants can be used with other funding sources to cover expenses such as consulting fees, trail construction, land acquisition, habitat improvement, and the cost of creating and implementing an open space plan. **Since Green Region's inception in 2004, we have awarded nearly \$1.9 million across the region for a wide range of open space projects.**

A committee made up of county, conservation, and PECO representatives reviews proposals and awards grants each year. **The new postmark deadline for submitting funding requests is March 31, 2018.**

If you have an eligible project and weren't able to submit an application in time, we hope you'll do so now. If you have a project that still isn't quite ready, please keep in mind that the next grant round will open in September 2018 with applications due by the end of the year. We hope that PECO Green Region funds will make a real difference as you work to preserve and protect farmland, watersheds, parks, and trails for this and future generations.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Patrick Gardner, administrator of the PECO Green Region program, at 610-353-5587 ext. 211 or pgardner@natlands.org. We hope there will be an opportunity for us to support your conservation efforts.

Romona Riscoe Benson
Corporate Relations Manager
PECO

Patrick Gardner
PECO Green Region Program Administrator
Natural Lands

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Natural Lands, administrator of the Green Region program, is dedicated to preserving and nurturing nature's wonders while creating opportunities for joy and discovery in the outdoors for everyone. As the Greater Philadelphia region's oldest and largest land conservation organization, Natural Lands has preserved more than 125,000 acres, including 44 nature preserves totaling more than 23,000 acres. Some 2.5 million people live within five miles of land under the organization's protection.



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Sample projects include:

Developing or updating municipal open space protection plans

consultant fees, expenses associated with public input such as hall rental, advertising, printing

Acquisition of open space, through fee or easement

direct expenses such as purchase costs, surveys, environmental assessments, appraisals

Habitat improvement within municipally owned open space

consultant fees such as landscape architects, botanists, park designers, engineers, materials and labor costs for installation

Capital improvements for passive recreation

planning consultant fees, materials and labor costs for constructing trails, boardwalks, kiosks, observation platforms

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In recent years, many townships and municipalities in southeastern Pennsylvania have approved open space referenda to preserve and protect farmland, parks and trails, and watersheds.

PECO is committed to assisting southeastern Pennsylvania's municipalities, recreational authorities, and nonprofits (within the City of Philadelphia) with ongoing efforts to preserve, protect, and improve open space.



Through its Green Region program initiated in 2004, PECO has awarded 246 grants, totaling \$1.9 million, to support open space and environmental projects throughout its service area. The grants have saved more than 420 acres of open space, supported more than 100 upgrades to local parks, built or improved more than 15.5 miles of trails, and helped protect endangered species.

Green Region grants are available in amounts up to \$10,000. The grants can be used with other funding sources to cover a wide variety of planning and direct expenses associated with developing and implementing open space programs, including consulting fees, surveys, environmental assessments, habitat improvement, and capital improvements for passive recreation.



A Green Region review committee made up of county, conservation, and PECO representatives consider all funding proposals and make grant awards.

Program guidelines and applications can be downloaded at peco.com/SafetyCommunity/Community/Pages/Environment_OLD.aspx or natlands.org/greenregion.

For more information, contact Patrick Gardner, Green Region program administrator, at 610-353-5587 or pgardner@natlands.org.



East Goshen Township Conservancy Board

“KEEP EAST GOSHEN BEAUTIFUL DAY”

Saturday, April 21, 2018

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board has scheduled the townships annual "Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day" for Saturday, April 21, 2018. This is the 33rd year for this event and it is a great way to jump-start spring-cleaning efforts in our neighborhoods and throughout the Township.

WHO: East Goshen Township Conservancy Board

WHAT: Annual "Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day"

WHEN: Saturday, April 21, 2018

WHERE: East Goshen Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania

WHY: To clean up litter from our roadsides and open spaces.

What to do:

- Please come to the East Goshen Township Building located at 1580 Paoli Pike in West Chester, PA on Saturday, April 21, 2018 between 8:00 & 9:00 AM to register, get refreshments, and to pick up supplies (gloves, trash bags and vests.)
- Let us know if April 21st does not work for you and/or your group and we can leave supplies at the township building's front desk.
- Also, please let us know what day you will be performing the cleanup. So, when we do the street assignments on Saturday, we can save that stretch of road for you and/or your group and we can inform public works when to pick up the trash bags.

Please call the Township at 610-692-7171 for more information, to let us know you will help, and/or to reserve a particular stretch of road for your group, organization or family.