

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD &
MARYDELL POND COMMITTEE
MEETING
MAY 9, 2018
7:00 PM

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

[April 11, 2018](#)
3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. “Keep East Goshen Beautiful” Day Recap
 - b. Spring Tree Planting Recap – May 5
5. SUB DIVISION REVIEW (none)
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. [Consider installation of bat houses at Pin Oaks Pond](#)
 - b. Marydell Pond (7:30 PM)
 - i. Presentation from Rick Trailes, National Lands Trust
 - ii. Update on engineering and permit process
 - iii. Consider organization of Marydell Pond Committee
 - iv. Consider goals and objectives for Marydell Pond Committee
 - v. Select date for on-site pond visit
7. VARIANCES
8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
9. LIAISON REPORTS
10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

May 10, 2018	Farmers Market Opens	03:00pm
May 10, 2018	Historical Commission	07:00pm
May 14, 2018	Municipal Authority	07:00pm
May 14, 2018	Zoning Hearing Board (Malvern Institute)	07:00pm
May 15, 2018	Election Day (no BOS mtg)	-----
May 16, 2018	Board of Supervisors	07:00pm
May 21, 2018	Futurist Committee	07:00pm
May 22, 2018	Board of Supervisors	07:00pm
May 23, 2018	Board of Supervisors	03:00pm
May 23, 2018	Planning Commission Workshop	07:00pm
May 28, 2018	Memorial Day, office closed	-----

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

13. ADJOURNMENT

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2018

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Erich Meyer, Andy Tyler, Patti Brown, Sandy Snyder, Walter Wujcik and Scott Sanders. Others in attendance: Mike Lynch, Township Supervisor; Mark Miller, Director of Public Works; Jon Altshul, Assistant Township Manager; and Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer.

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 March 14, 2018 meeting were approved.

Announcement

Mike Lynch announced that the Board of Supervisors has promoted Jon Altshul to Assistant Township Manager. Congratulations Jon!

Sub-Division Review

1506 Meadowbrook Lane – Mark Gordon explained that this is approximately a 2 acre lot that the applicant (who is present) proposes to subdivide creating one new building lot for a single family home. He explained that the request needed some variances, which were approved last year. He commented on the proposed buffer plantings. Only 1 tree will be removed.

Walter moved that the Conservancy Board recommend that the Planning Commission support the requested waiver from §205-36 (Landscape Plan) and approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for 1506 Meadowbrook Lane dated 8/1/2017, last revised 2/20/2018 with the following conditions:

1. The evergreen buffer planting shall be extended the entire length of the property along the rear property line to create a “Complete evergreen landscape buffer” as required by the ZHB decision.

2. The evergreen buffer plantings shall be a minimum of 8’ at time of planting.

3. A mix of at least three deer resistant species shall be used.

4. Tree Protection fencing shall be installed out to the drip line to protect all trees that are proposed to be saved, including the row of mature Hemlock trees along the easterly property line.

5. The applicant shall submit a detailed foundation planting plan when building permits are applied for.

6. All notes and plans shall be revised to address these conditions prior to approval of the plan.

7. The applicant shall address all outstanding engineering comments to the satisfaction of the Planning Commission, Staff and Township Engineer.

Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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2 **Old Business**

3 1. Keep East Goshen Beautiful – This event is planned for Saturday April 21, 2018. Jon will
4 make sure it is posted electronically on the Township signs and Facebook. Mark Miller
5 reminded everyone to give Sue Smith the information for any groups that will pick up trash
6 on a different day. Mike Lynch expressed his concern about the amount of trash along our
7 roads. He wants it mentioned in the County’s Landscapes 3. He has mentioned it to the
8 County Commissioners. He is discouraged that property owners don’t pick up the litter
9 along the road adjacent to their property. He is very pleased with Keep East Goshen
10 Beautiful Day and would like to have several pick ups per year.

11 2. Spring Planting – Erich reported that the Board members walked along the boardwalk on
12 March 17 and marked some trees for removal. They selected Saturday May 5, 2018 to plant
13 new trees in this area along E. Boot Road. Meet there at 9:00 am. Mark Miller will have
14 someone there with an auger to dig holes. He will also have a water tank available. Mark
15 will check with the new owners of Potters about trees.

16 3. Serpentine Rock - Mark Miller reported that the Serpentine Rock has been burned. He
17 will have the area pressure washed.
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19 **New Business**

20 1. Pond Study – Mike Lynch gave a review of the process involving the Pond Study over the
21 last 10 months. It was decided to work on the Marydell pond first. There is \$100,000 for
22 this project. The Pond Study gives a very good foundation for this ongoing project. All of
23 the ponds are retention basins but considered ponds aesthetically. The East Goshen Public
24 Works Dept. has indicated that a lot of the work can be done in-house including the
25 dredging. There are 13 people on the Marydell Committee. There were 9 residents at this
26 meeting. Jon reviewed that the Committee will be an advisory committee under the
27 Sunshine Laws so if 7 or more meet, it has to be advertised before the meeting. They will
28 follow Robert’s Rules. Mike Lynch pointed out that they should select a Chairman and a
29 Conservancy Board member should be the liaison. Andy volunteered to be the Liaison.
30 Mark Miller introduced himself. He has prepared an outline of work to be done in 2018 and
31 2019. Next week he will meet with the Township Engineer to look at the old outfall
32 structure to make a plan to build a new one out of concrete. The DEP permits have to be
33 done first for the draw down. Residents will be notified. Turtles and fish will be moved to
34 other ponds. Water and soil samplings will be done the end of April. They hope to start
35 dredging this summer. He explained the process of removing the current top soil, and
36 spreading the dredged materials to dewater which can take a year. This will be a
37 construction zone for at least a year. No activities will be permitted during this time. Mike
38 suggested having a site walk after the next meeting, which will be Wednesday, May 9, 2018
39 at 7:30 pm. Jon will be the staff contact for the committee.
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41 **Adjournment**

42 There being no further business, Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Walter seconded the
43 motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be May 9, 2018 at
44 7:00 pm.
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46 Respectfully submitted,
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50 Ruth Kiefer
51 Recording Secretary

Jon Altshul

From: Beth Leonard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 5:31 PM
To: Jon Altshul
Subject: Request: Placement of Bat Houses

Hi John,
thank you for getting back to me so quickly.

As per our discussion, I would like the township to consider putting up bat houses near the two ponds in Marydell and Pinoak. We have unfortunately been "housing" them in behind the furnace chimney and possibly a part of the attic for several years now. We are planning to get them out of there asap before the season and seal that area to prevent them from re-entry. As you know, they don't belong in or right around anyone's house and can pose problems. However, they are also much needed and beneficial particularly as a predator to mosquitoes which are a nuisance and can be harmful to humans by spreading virus, etc.

The bats will be looking for other places to go and therefore I think to provide Bat houses in common space particularly near the ponds seems to make the most sense. In an excerpt from website :

Attract bats to your environment - Bats are renowned for keeping night-flying insects at bay, and a favorite bat meal is mosquitoes. It is estimated that one bat can catch up to 600 mosquitoes in one hour! Take a cue from the folks in Europe who have been using bat houses to eliminate mosquitoes since the early 1900s. Most bat houses, when placed properly, will be occupied within one year of placement.

As we discussed, the cost should be quite minimal but the benefits: priceless

I appreciate you and the others taking a look at this request. Please let me know if I can answer any questions or assist further. Also if you could please advise what decision is being made asap.

Thanks, Beth Leonard resident of Pin Oak Farms

Attached is link to another web site explaining about bats, the myths and the benefits. <http://www.organicauthority.com/4-benefits-of-bats-for-your-garden-why-youll-go-batty-for-these-powerful-workers/>