

**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.

### **Old Business**

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

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

3. Serpentine Rock - Mark Miller reported that the Serpentine Rock has been burned. He will have the area pressure washed.

### **New Business**

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

### **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 May 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary