EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING September 11, 2019

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. In attendance were: Chairman Erich Meyer, Walter Wujcik, and Andy Tyler.

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 9/11 and those who serve in our military and our first responders.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 10, 2019 meeting were approved.

Variances/Conditional Uses

ZEKS, 1302 Goshen Parkway (CU – Request to modify conditions of approval) – Mr. Henry Mark represented the applicant and provided copies of ZEKS Compressed Air Solutions Site Improvements. He gave a history of the company, which started in Malvern. They have been in business for 60 years and have 140 employees. They are requesting a modification to the approval granted for their use in 1998. Condition six of the original approval prohibits outdoor storage. The business has experienced significant growth over the years and is now owned by Ingersoll Rand. He mentioned their need for outdoor storage. They want to install a fence around the rear shipping area with 6 or 7 storage containers. The containers are about 9 feet tall. The fence will have an automated gate. The fence will be 8 feet tall, but when put on the berms, it will be higher. The chain link fence will include privacy slats. Mr. Mark mentioned that included in the plan is a report from Michael B. Dunn a Certified Master Arborist. The trees around the edge of the area are Norway Spruce. Only one will be removed to make space for the fence. Mr. Dunn recommended that the new plantings on the north corner outside of the fence be Emerald Green Sentinal Cedar. Erich asked if they considered Arborvitae. Mr. Mark commented that they attract deer more than the Emerald Green Sentinal Cedar.

Andy made a motion to accept the ZEKS plan as presented. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- 1. Fall Planting The Board members discussed a planting for November. They will plant some additional trees in the Historic Area along the path on the stream side. Erich will contact Sam Brown Nursery. There is \$3,000.00 in the budget.
- <u>2. Marydell Pond</u> Andy mentioned that the Marydell Pond restoration is progressing. Completion date is uncertain.

New Business

1. <u>2020 Budget</u> -The Board members agreed to the same budget as 2019. It was noticed that there is a line item for Blacksmith Supplies with a 2019 expense of \$253.47. Walter mentioned that there is no expense indicated for invasive weed spraying. Erich will ask Jon Altshul about these items.

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2. <u>Scavenger Hunt</u> – Jason Lang is planning to host a scavenger hunt next year and would like the Conservancy Board to be involved. The Board is open to this and needs more information.

Liaison Report

1. Municipal Authority - Walter reported that the Ridley Creek plant was in compliance for August. Two new replacement generators will be purchased for Ridley Creek and Hershey's Mill.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Walter moved to adjourn the meeting. Andy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be October 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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