

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
FINAL ADPOTED MINUTES**

The East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors held the Annual Planning Session on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Those in attendance were:

Board of Supervisors

Marty Shane, Chairman
Michael Lynch
Michele Truitt
John Hertzog

Conservancy Board

Erich Meyer
Daniel Flynn

Pipeline Task Force

Bill Wegemann
Christina Morley

Futurist Committee

Brian Sweet

Historic Commission

Charles Proctor
Ed Lendrat

Township Staff

Rick Smith, Township Manager
Jon Altshul, Asst. Township Manager & CFO
Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer
Jason Lang, Director of Parks and Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works

Municipal Authority

Kevin Cummings
Dana Pizarro

Park & Recreation Commission

Daniel Leicht, Chairman
Deborah Snyder
Eric Tobin
Peter Knupp
Kishor Thakarar
Joe Zulli

Planning Commission

Mike Koza
John Stipe
Dan Daley

Sustainability Advisory Committee

Christi Supple, Chair
Kipp Happ

Marty Shane opened the meeting at 6:25 pm. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Mike Lynch led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops, police and first responders.

Conservancy Board

Erich Meyer explained that the mission of the Conservancy Board is to preserve the natural resources in East Goshen Township. Their accomplishments for 2019 are:

1. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day was held on April 13th. The weather was good this year. We had a good number of volunteers on the actual day along with some groups that picked up trash during the following week.

2. Fall Planting – In November we planted 6 trees in the wetlands/boardwalk area along East Boot Road. Public Works assisted us with digging the holes using an auger. The trees were procured from Sam Brown’s Nursery in Malvern. The following trees were planted:

- a. 1 each – Taxodium D Falling Waters – 6 ft (Common Name: Bald Cypress)
- b. 2 each – Betula N Dura Heat – 8 – 10 ft (Common Name: River Birch)
- c. 1 each – Magnolia Virginiana – 8 ft (Common Name: Sweet Bay Magnolia)
- d. 1 each – Metasequoia Glyptostrobodies – 7 ft (Common Name: Dawn Redwood)

- e. 1 each – Cercis Canadensis – 8 ft (Common Name: Eastern Redbud)

3. Work continued with the Township and the Marydell Pond Committee on the restoration of Marydell Pond.

4. Continued invasive species control.

5. Continued maintenance of the blue bird houses in Applebrook.

Goals for 2020

1. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day will be held on April 18, 2020.

2. Continue maintenance of the blue bird houses in Applebrook

3. Continue maintaining Clymer’s Woods – replacing dead trees and reapplying wood chips around the trees.

4. Maintain the riparian buffer along the creeks

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Erich mentioned that Michele Truitt is the Board’s Liaison. They need 1 new member.

Futurist Committee

Brian Sweet commented on the Commission’s Vision Statement: Nearly 6 years ago, the East Goshen Board of Supervisors established a Futurist Committee to assess future challenges and opportunities for our township. After evaluating the unique needs of our community, as well as determining the attributes which have made other community vibrant, the committee’s long-range strategic recommendation for the township is to differentiate East Goshen Township in positive ways compared to other townships in eastern Chester County, in a way that;

- creates welcoming key road portals with attractive landscaping, warm lighting and signage that reflects the township’s history and future hopes.

- connects our neighborhoods and town center with a network of multi-use trails.

- expands our already acclaimed recreational and activities programs.

- creates a town center with a strong sense of identity as a “gathering place”. This would include green space and public plazas, restaurants and specialty shops, and a modest amount of housing that appeals to buyers seeking a variety of new housing options.

...So that the township will have a bright future, because it will always be viewed as a premier community with excellent housing, public amenities and excellent schools for families seeking a new house.

2019 Results

1. Supporting the TND overlays with dialogue between ABCs
2. Outreach to other ABCs for alignment on our Vision Statement
3. Discussions on things that make Business Parks successful and how EGT can provide them.

2020 Objectives

1. Community outreach meetings and resident communications to gather feedback on what residents want to see or not see in East Goshen.
2. Business Park Strategic Plan
3. Revisit the Futurist Committee Vision statement with the Board of Supervisors to ensure alignment.

Jon Altshul commented that all ABCs are expected to provide articles for the newsletter. Also, the township has a Welcome Packet for new residential. He can provide one if the Futurist Committee wants to design one for Commercial companies.

Mike Lynch mentioned that there are opening for new members on the FC.

Municipal Authority

Dana Pizarro explained that the Municipal Authority, which is a legally separate entity for the Township, is responsible for financing the construction, expansion and upgrade of the Township’s sewage collection and treatment infrastructure. Beginning in 2019, all sewer capital purchases are made through the Municipal Authority, with transfers from the Sewer Operating Fund for both general operating costs and new capital assets and the Sewer Capital Reserve for replacement capital assets. Previously only the MA’s operating costs and selected capital expenses were borne by the Municipal Authority.

2019 GOALS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Continued to monitor the upgrades at the West Goshen Sewer Authority. Members attended meetings.
 - a. East Goshen is responsible for 16.7% of the costs of any capital improvements at the WGSA plant. Total project estimated at \$21 million; total EGT share paid approximately \$3.5 million. 2017 EGT Bond issued.
 - b. The EGMA actively monitored and tracked costs of the construction project by attending WGSA meetings and conducting periodic site

- visits to the plant to view the work in progress with support from Jon Altshul and Mark Miller.
- 2. Continue to implement the inflow/infiltration Plan – ongoing
 - a. Asset Management Program/Indicator of Extraneous Flows to Treatment Plants from Groundwater Rainwater into Sewer System from Pipe and structural issues to Ridley Creek and Chester Creek systems.
 - b. In concert with Public Works cleaning and televising.
- 3. Continue to operate the Ridley Creek Sewage Treatment Plant in compliance with DEP permit requirements.
 - a. In compliance January, February, March, April, May, June, July, October, November and December.
 - b. August/September in compliance except total P (limit=0.5 mg/l) marginally above at 0.58 and 0.54 mg/l due to equipment failure of actuator and decanter pressure relief valve. SBR 2 removed from service and SBR 3 placed in service remained within mass loading rate in permit.
- 4. Completion/acceptance of Tallmadge Drive sewer main replacement carried into 2019.
- 5. Ongoing critical infrastructure – preparation for 2020 CIP.

2020 GOALS

- 1, Continue to monitor the upgrades at West Goshen Sewer Treatment Plant and Westtown Way Pump Station. Members to attend meetings.
 - a. Westtown Way Pumping Station – EGT share estimated at \$1.65 million.
- 2. Continue to implement the Inflow and Infiltration Plan for the Sewer System – ongoing.
- 3. Continue to operate the Sewer Treatment Plant in compliance with PADEP permit requirement.
- 4. Implement Planned Projects Program:
 - a. Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant
 - * Emergency Generator Replacement \$150,000 deferral
 - * Caustic Soda Project to improve worker safety and efficiency for chemical addition at the plant - \$160,000
 - b. Pump Stations
 - * Hershey’s Mill Pump Station generator replacement- \$45,000 deferral
 - * Hunt Country Pump Station Mag Meter replacement - \$15,000 deferral
 - * Hunt Country Pump Station Muffin Monster replacement - \$67,000 deferral
 - * Hunt Country Pump Station Bypass Pump - \$99,435 carryover
 - c. Sewer System

* Two (2) new Ridley Creek Sewer System Permanent Flow Meters - \$55,000 carryover.

Dana mentioned that Mike Lynch is the MA's liaison.

Mike Lynch asked for a description of the Muffin Monster. Dana explained that it has teeth like a shredder which eliminates trash that gets into the system.

John Hertzog asked if there will be a rate change. Jon Altshul responded yes but not severe. Dana is a wastewater engineer and he spoke about West Goshen's problems.

Kevin Cummings mentioned that there is a list of rates in the surrounding area and East Goshen's rates are pretty low. Jon Altshul mentioned that the Municipal Authority owns the system and leases it back to the Township. Public Works does the maintenance along with Big Fish.

Park and Recreation Commission

Danny Liecht commented that Jason Lang is the most dedicated, caring and best Park and Rec Director this side of the Mississippi. Jason spoke about how well the Commission and he work together.

2019 Accomplishments:

1. All Park Commission accomplishments are shared with the Public Works Department. They work early, late and tirelessly in support of park operations.
2. New events: Diamond Earrings Scavenger Hunt, Goshenville Ghost Walk, Chesco Teen Filmmakers Showcase, Santa at the Blacksmith Shop.
3. Hosted 185 parties, 3,300 hours of sports in the park, offered EGT managed 725 programming hours and 400 hours of volunteering opportunities.
4. Successfully added beer/wine garden to the Food Truck Festival, 4500 in attendance.
5. Created multi-municipal fall Spotted Lanternfly Smash a Thon, won by East Bradford Twp. Special thanks to Gabrielle Long for coordination.
6. East Goshen named 2019 PRPS Agency of the Year
7. East Goshen named NRPA Gold Medal Finalist community, first in Pennsylvania.

2020 Goals

1. Develop marketing, programming and trail rules for the Paoli Pike Trail (CP, PROS, MP). The section from Rte. 352 to Reservoir Road will be started in the Spring. It should be open to the public in the Fall.
2. Develop plan for 2021 Full Day summer camp program at East Goshen Elementary (PROS).
3. Finalize design elements for the amphitheater band shell in preparation for 2021 grant applications (PROS, MP)
4. Offer nature and art focused programming. Will partner with West Chester Garden Club to offer Nature Warrior Program (25 kids will be in the pilot program led by Kishor); Photography Shop to offer filmmaking and photo camps; Young Rembrandts to offer youth art programming (PROS).
5. Host West Chester University's Carnival of Ruin – a theatrical performance with sustainability at its core.
6. Fellow ABCs – consider yourself challenged at this year's Pumpkin Festival!!! Each ABC will design a pumpkin and the public will select a winner!

7. CP=Comprehensive Plan; PROS= Open Space Plan; MP= EGT Park Master Plan
Marty mentioned the great job Jason does to apply for grants to cover many of the programs.

Pipeline Task Force

Bill Wegemann mentioned that there are 9 pipelines in East Goshen Township now. When Mariner 2 is done there will be 11. Marty explained that the Task Force is an advocacy group. People who interviewed for a position were told they have to do what is good for East Goshen. He thanked them very much for what they've done in this first year.

2019 Accomplishments

1. Established routine operation of task force. Elected a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Held 13 meetings in 2019.
2. Reviewed and provided comments on relevant pipeline legislation. Members followed 19 bills that went to the PA. legislature.
3. Provided recommendations to BOS on environmental assessment for Adelphia Gateway Project. BOS subsequently filed comments to FERC.
4. Provided detailed comments for ANPRO on safety regulations regarding hazardous liquids public utility standards (Docket No. L-2019-301267). BOS included these comments in their letter to PUC.
5. Provided detailed comments on several HDD Re-Evaluation Reports to PADEP.
6. Investigated UV resistance of pipeline coating systems.
7. Provided a representative to the Chester County Environment Alliance.
8. Connected with Planning Commission to incorporate pipeline safety into future planning projects.
9. Recommended that East Goshen Township request a cease and desist order for Bow Tree/Strasburg HDD site based on Notice of Violation issued for Noncompliance.

2020 Objectives

Note: Many of these objectives are ongoing or continuation of efforts already under way.

1. Review and assess regulatory and technical aspects of pipeline infrastructure projects. Provide comments to BOS on relevant pipeline legislation (State and Federal) and regulatory documentation (PUC, FERC, PHMSA, DEP).
2. Advise BOS regarding pipeline incidents such as inadvertent returns during drilling, sinkhole formation, ground water issues, noise ordinance violations, spills, leaks and any other environmental violations.
3. Recommend securing services of a licensed professional geologist for consultation on relevant documentation, legislation and issues.
4. Address questions and concerns from residents regarding pipeline activities.
5. Provide input to BOS on communications (i.e. Newsletters, Constant Contact Notifications) to residents regarding pipeline issues and activities.
6. Continue investigation of Boot Road Geophysical Survey Reports.

7. Provide recommendations to BOS and Planning Commission regarding pipeline setbacks and consultation zones for zoning ordinances.
8. Fill vacancy on Task Force. Currently there are only six members. Full staff is seven members.
9. Meet with state representatives, state senators, and county commissioners on pipeline issues.
10. Provide input to Chester County Pipeline Safety Advisory Board. Contribute to development of an emergency response plan.
11. Continue investigation of air quality monitoring and leak detection systems for areas surrounding pipelines.
12. Continue investigation of dust monitoring and dust control measures at pipeline construction areas.
13. Interact with the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Bill encouraged people to come to the Task Force meetings so they know what's going on.

Rick gave an update on the pipeline:

1. They will start pulling the 16" line from Bow Tree to Ss. Simon and Jude Church. The 16" line will be done in East Goshen. They will start to drill for the 20" line.

Marty gave credit to David Shuey and Mike Lynch for starting the Task Force.

Historical Commission

Chuck Proctor spoke about meetings they had at Hershey's Mill about adding the Sullivan House to the East Goshen township inventory of historic properties. They were very excited to join and asked that the next ornament be about the Sullivan House.

2019 Review and 2020 Outlook

Historical Commission Ornament – In 2019 we released the second ornament featuring the Sullivan House on the Hershey Mill campus. Ornaments were received in time this year to offer at both Township events and the Sullivan House venues over the holidays.

Holiday Sales: 63 of the Sullivan House and 32 Blacksmith Shop. Of 600 ornaments ordered we have 129 in the public's hands. 34 Blacksmith Shop ornaments were sold last year.

Of greater concern looking at the buyers, only about 20 people have both. As we move forward, we have to consider setting the base order at 100. This nearly doubles our cost and we net \$2-3. But until we have a base supporting the series 300 is too many.

We will continue to offer the ornaments for sale through the Sullivan House Committee, Blacksmith Shop, Reception Desk and Township events.

Historical Events – Thanks to the support of Jason Lang and the P&R Commission, two events were held at the Blacksmith Shop in 2019.

1. Escape Room – Bringing to life the escape of several Civil War soldiers imprisoned in the area.
2. Ghost Walk – Featuring local tales of witchery and Hessian ghosts. And a local paranormal group sharing their findings in the Blacksmith Shop.

Great feedback to have more of these events and at a larger scale. Requires more people and planning to execute. The Ghost Walk alone could draw hundreds of people and wander through the entire park. Will begin planning this with P&R in late Spring.

Our Members – We had two resignations in 2019 and are operating with 5 members. Of greatest need is to develop or recruit a new board member to take a very active role in the CCHPN. This is our primary source for education and program support at the state level. Collectively we only attended 2 events in 2019.

The Blacksmith – We cannot thank our resident Blacksmiths enough. They have engaged with countless folks traveling the area to tell the story of our Township’s beginning. The passion they deliver is excellent. Their passion of their work, the shop, and the tale is beyond what we could ask for. Think they will have a story/bio soon coming in the spring newsletter as they emerge from their winter off.

2020 – Need to get some of the local scouting troops in for a tour. Would love to see if we could have a blacksmith challenge to see who could win the title making an 18th century knife or tool. Would invite the other regional historical commissions and interact with them. Would like to do The Battle of the Clouds presentation again.

Chuck mentioned that they would like to have a trail to connect the Blacksmith Shop with the Paoli Pike Trail. They would like to reorganize the HC office in the township building.

Marty thanked Ed Lendrat for all he has done to record East Goshen’s history.

Michele mentioned that she took the Boy Scouts to the Blacksmith Shop for meetings and they were very excited about it.

Mike Lynch appreciates wanting to work with other municipalities. East Bradford did some interviews of long-time residents and put a presentation together which was very successful.

Chuck has talked to Ted about having our area open when there are other events in the area. Michele suggested the Willistown Sugartown Festival.

Planning Commission

Mike Koza mentioned that Chairman Brad Giresi has moved and Ernest Harkness is the new Chairman and the one who wrote the report for this meeting. Mike gave the following report:

Planning Commission significant accomplishments for 2019:

1. Developed and submitted to BOS Zoning Ordinance (TND Overlay District) to support Comprehensive Plan Strategy

- 6.1 Transforming the Town Center into a viable, walkable, visit able place
- 6.2 Transforming the Paoli Pike Corridor into a walkable, connected artery

2. Developed and submitted to BOS, Incubator Use ordinance changes Comp. Plan 7.3 allowing for new uses and smaller incubator businesses in the corporate parks and the industrial park.

3. Supported review of several requests for Home Based Businesses. Comp. Plan 7.7 Continuing No-impact Home-Based Business, Home occupations and Home related Businesses.

4. Reviewed and submitted to BOS request for Duckling Early Development Center, PECO modification to Conditional Use for pumping station, CTDI conditional use amendment for change of use, ZEKS request for modification to conditions approval.

5. Reviewed and submitted to BOS Ordinance Change in Business Park to support request for Apartment development.

Planning Commission Goals for 2020:

1. Continue support for following Comprehensive Plan implementing strategies:

- Objective 6.1 & 6.2 to develop the Town Center and Paoli Pike Corridor
- Objective 6.3 transforming the West Chester Pike Corridor into a more functional and attractive artery.
- Objective 7.2 promoting the enhancement of business opportunities along the West Chester Pike Corridor.
- Objective 9.1 maintaining and expanding the Open Space, Recreation, and Trails Network.
- Objective 9.2 developing the Paoli Pike Trail to create the linkage between West Chester and Malvern through East Goshen from West Goshen to Willistown.

2. Suggest New Goals for BOS approval

- Business Park Vitalization – review BP ordinance for possible enhancements to promote Business Park Longevity
- Support BOS request for any review of Zoning Ordinance to support Pipeline Safety
- Support BOS request to review existing township Zoning Ordinances for possible revision and updates.

Marty commented that the Comprehensive Plan has a schedule of projects, listing what they are and when they should be done. He encouraged all ABCs to review what is in the Comp Plan for them. He appreciates everything the Planning Commission does.

Mike Lynch mentioned that the PC keeps up to date with the latest trends.

Sustainability Advisory Committee

Christi Supple, Chairman, showed a new sign they had made to use at events. She thanked the BOS for starting the Committee to encourage more environmentally sustainable practices here in East Goshen.

Let me introduce our Vice Chair, Kipp Happ, a talented architect and project manager, who brings a wealth of expertise with green building initiatives to our work. We are privileged to include Tom Kilburn, East Goshen's guru for new growth initiative; Monica Close who served admirably on the Planning Commission and

brings wonderful ideas to our meetings. Jeff O'Donnell a media expert extraordinaire, who is leading our soon to be unfolding media roll out. Mary McCloskey, a dynamo with a wealth of educational and community activist experience and Angela Macchiata, an engineer we dearly hope to keep onboard despite her busy work schedule. I'm just the one who turns the lights on and off for the meetings! Our Committee is barely a year old. What we've accomplished to date has more to do with choosing from a long list of potential projects we've discussed to plow forward with this year, than what we can register in the accomplished column already.

We introduced ourselves to the East Goshen public at the park last summer with an interactive booth illustrating sustainable suggestions and hands on projects for children. We're working on a number of other programs for the children and East Goshen residents in the park this year 2020. These include working with the Boy and Girl Scouts to help our youngest residents become future environmentalists. Car charging stations for current owners of electric and hybrid vehicles is a goal of our committee. These can be available for East Goshen township vehicles purchased in the future.

We are working on a proposal for an East Goshen Community Garden which we hope will lead to a home grown Farmer's Market by 2021. A special component of this will be a designated section of plots for children and teens with training sessions to help them.

A parallel program of educational modules for elementary students at our 2 schools is another work in progress. These will be offered as in classroom opportunities, before and after school programs, and assembly presentations.

Don't worry! The adults are not forgotten! Starting this March, we are offering at least 4 sessions with experts, including our own East Goshen staff experts. The first will focus on Solar and Geothermal options for homeowners and businesses. The second will provide information on Composting, pesticide free lawns and gardens and advice on buying organic products and produce. The third subject will concentrate on water management, to cover storm drains, watering lawns and gardens sustainably, and the purchase and utilization of rain barrels. East Goshen already models this to our community with a rain barrel prominently displayed right out front of the Township building. The fourth presentation will cover how to recycle everything we possibly can to responsibly help protect our environment. Out of these sessions we hope to glean additional ideas to pass along as suggestions to our Supervisors. Perhaps a community compost site where residents can come to enrich their gardens without resorting to fertilizers.

If you are caught up on your East Goshen Newsletters, you know we are initiating an email chain to provide regular suggestions and elicit ideas from residents who are most passionate about sharing in this way. We've had a great response so far and would love to have you all join us as well!

Our intrepid Supervisors have already approved allowing our Committee extra pages in an upcoming Newsletter to share sustainable suggestions. Hopefully this will be in the May Newsletter.

We'd welcome collaboration with other East Goshen ABCs on potential joint projects. For instance, we'd like to work to see many more trees planted to begin to counteract the destruction inflicted on East Goshen by the pipeline juggernaut. Once we have a number of workshops under our belts for young people in our elementary schools and park, we aim for a joint program with adjacent townships for the junior and high schools in our area. We also look forward to working with the other Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committees from adjacent townships and have already begun this collaboration with the West Chester SAC. In summation, we are overflowing with ideas, so talk to us if you have any suggestions and projects we can help carry forward for our dearly loved East Goshen township. Thanks for listening.

Marty pointed out the difference between the Futurist and Sustainability Committees. He commented again about the importance of getting information to the residents through the Newsletter.

Jon mentioned that the Council of Governments will meet tomorrow in West Whiteland Township at 7:00 p.m. COG is comprised of 7 municipalities in Chester County and the West Chester Area School District. He spoke about a study on renewable energy and the local Sierra Club will give suggestions.

Mike Lynch feels it is ground-breaking and ambitious and it is time for local governments to work together on renewable energy. It was formed 1 year ago and is a great start at a very important time.

Marty thanked Susan D'Amore, staff member, for the refreshments.

Mike thanked everyone for attending. He spoke about the hours volunteers put in and what it would be if converted to consultant fees.

Rick mentioned that in 2015 the average per hour was \$28.00 with a total hours of about 100,000.

Marty commented that a survey was taken to change this meeting from Saturday morning to a week night. For those here, is Tuesday better than Saturday. All answered yes. He asked if anyone has suggestions to enhance the meeting please let him or Rick know. This meeting is important so everyone knows what the others are doing.

Marty also mentioned that the Hershey's Mill dam should be done this year and they should have permits for the Milltown Dam this year.

Jon thanked everyone for what they do.

Michele commented that no organization can exist without volunteers.

Michele moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Lynch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary.