

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2020**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting was held via Zoom conferencing. Members in attendance are indicated in **BOLD**:

Chairman, Walter Wujcik

Vice Chairman, Andy Tyler

Erich Meyer

Scott Sanders

Sandra Snyder

Dan Flynn

Leo Sinclair

Others present were:

Michele Truitt, Township Supervisor

Mark Gordon, Township Zoning Officer

Susan D'Amore, Township Staff

**Eunice Alexander, Member of West Goshen
Park and Recreation Commission**

Call to Order

Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Walter 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 11, 2020 meeting were approved. There was no meeting in April.

New Business

1. Synthes Land Development Application – 1303 Goshen Parkway. Representatives for Synthes: Brendan Burke, Esq.; David Citro (Civil Engineer); Todd McVoy; Joshua VanderVeen (Project Architect); and Ryan Freese. Mark explained the application from Synthes/Jabil to expand their facility by about 1900 sq. ft. on the north side of the existing medical equipment manufacturing facility.

Brendan Burke, Esq. commented that they attended the Planning Commission meeting last week. That was an introductory meeting since review letters were not received yet. There will be no additional employees and no change in the traffic.

Todd McVoy mentioned that Synthes has been at this location since 1996, has 250 employees, and supplies orthopedic medical devices. They will be transferring some existing production into the new addition.

David Citro commented that in 2017 they were granted CU to allow 60% impervious use. He spoke about trees and stormwater management. This is the I1 District. The LD plan shows the entire 8.6 acres with the addition highlighted. The Township staff supplied them with a list of approved trees. There was discussion about what trees were being removed and what replacement trees were being proposed.

Dan Flynn asked about the stormwater drainage. David Citro commented that they will collect water from the roof to an underground pipe into the existing basin. There will be a

stone pit underground. No equipment will be running in this area. The existing subgrade in the North corner of the parking lot also drains to the basin.

Michele Truitt is concerned about the mature evergreens. Can they be relocated since they are mature. David Citro will consult with their arborist. They are being removed to access the power lines. Sandy feels they are pretty big and won't survive a relocation. Also, the underground lines might be damaged.

Michele also voiced concern for the historic home next to their property. Please control the dust and noise from this construction. David Citro commented that Synthes/Jabil has the concerns of the community in mind and will meet all requirements.

Eunice Alexander asked if they were switching out the Japanese Yew. She would like to see more native plants.

Leo asked about snow removal. Erich pointed out that there is space at the end of the parking lot for snow.

Mark reviewed the trees on the plan.

Erich made a motion to recommend that the Planning Commission approve the Synthes USA Land Development application with the following conditions:

1. The Applicant agrees to add five (5) additional evergreen trees on the north side of the northern parking area.

2. The Applicant agrees to amend the plans specifying tree species that are identified in the Township Trees Species list; Resolution 2015.20.

Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brendan Burke thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mark also thanked everyone. He expects to get the review letter from the Township Engineer next week.

Old Business

1. 2020 Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – This event was cancelled because of the COVID-19 lockdown. Walter prefers the fall because of the ticks in the summer. Mark pointed out that the hunting groups will be hunting in the fall. Susan also pointed out the Park & Recreation will have events in the fall. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

2. Clymer's Wood Tree Maintenance – This is also postponed until Fall.

3. Tree and Street Tree Resolution – Mark mentioned that the Resolution was modified in 2015. There was discussion about adding the Eastern Red Cedar and willow trees and reference to the PA list of invasives. Walter feels that variety helps in case a species develops a disease. Eunice agreed – diversity for resilience. Mark will prepare a draft resolution for the next meeting.

Liaison Report

1. Board of Supervisors – Michele reported that Community Day planned for the end of June will be combined with the Food Truck and Music Festival the end of August. The Park and Recreation Commission will make a decision at their June meeting to have it or cancel it. The Park trails are open, but the playground and sports courts are still closed. The BOS has conference meetings with the Township Staff Monday mornings. Last week they had a soft opening of the Township Building for staff, but it is still closed to the public. Newsletter articles are due by the end of May. The Newsletter will be electronic only in order to save money. Email it to Jon Altshul. Pipeline construction has restarted.

Mark commented that construction will be starting on the Paoli Pike Trail at Reservoir Road. It looks like Swiss Farms is getting ready to reopen.

2. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that there was an oil leak from the M&T Bank which was discovered at the RCSTP. He explained what was done. DEP has inspected and everything is okay. No oil went into the wetland or stream.

Public Comment

1. Eunice Alexander asked if the Township has a list of Specimen/historic trees. Sandy explained that they considered doing this a few years ago. With the Township almost built out, a lot of them are on private property. Eunice commented that West Goshen has a very brief list for the same reason.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Andy moved to adjourn the meeting. Erich seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be June 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary