

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Annual Planning Session

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

6:30 PM

Dial in Number: (929) 205-6099

Access code: 857 1596 7008 # #

*Note: For fairness, the order of ABC presenters has been rotated from last year.
Times listed for presenters are estimates.*

During this tele-conference BOS meeting, please follow these guidelines:

- **ABC Members: please mute your microphone when not speaking.**
- **Members of the public will be muted during the meeting.**
- **Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting. Please use the "Raise Hand" feature by hitting *9.**
- **Participants calling in must state their name when asked after allowed into the meeting.**
- **Comments or questions can also be submitted via email to info@eastgoshen.org.**
- **Participants should turn down the volume if they are livestreaming the meeting on YouTube.**

1. 6:30 pm Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
2. 6:35 pm Futurist Committee
3. 6:50 pm Historical Commission
4. 7:05 pm Municipal Authority
5. 7:20 pm Park and Recreation Commission
6. 7:35 pm Pipeline Task Force
7. 7:50 pm Planning Commission
8. 8:05 pm Sustainability Advisory Committee
9. 8:20 pm Conservancy Board
10. 8:35 pm Business Park Task Force
11. Public Comment
12. Board of Supervisors Recap and Closing Remarks
13. Adjournment

- Authority Members

- Dana Pizarro, Chairman 2021
- Jack Yahraes, Vice Chairman 2023
- Walter Wujcik, Treasurer 2025
- Kevin Cummings, Secretary 2021
- Phil Mayer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer 2024
- Mark Miller, Public Works Director
- Mike Lynch, BOS Liaison
- TBD, Staff Liaison
- Pennoni Associates (Michael Ellis), Engineer
- Patrick M. McKenna, Esq. (Robert Jefferson Esq.) Gawthrop Greenwood
- Maillie – Accounting Firm
- Big Fish Environmental (Scott Towler) – WWTP O&M

- The Municipal Authority, which is a legally separate entity from 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.

- **2020 GOALS**

- Continue to monitor the upgrades at West Goshen Sewer Treatment Plant. Members to attend meetings. - **COMPLETED**
 - Westtown Way Pumping Station – EGT share estimated at \$1.65 million; ongoing monitoring of design and construction cost estimates
- Continue to implement the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Plan for the Sewer System – **on-going**
 - Asset Management Program / Indicator of Pipe Structural issues/ Ridley Creek & Chester Creek systems

- In concert with Public Works Cleaning & Televising
- **Public Works provided 3,400 man-hours of service to MA**
- **Completed 103,000 feet of cleaning and televising**
- **16 significant I&I repairs to remove 100,000 gallons**
- Continue to operate the Sewer Treatment Plant in compliance with PADEP permit requirements – **MET MONTHLY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS ALL YEAR**
- Implement Planned Projects Program
 - Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment
 - Emergency Generator Replacement - \$150,000 deferral from 2019; **COMPLETED**
 - Caustic Soda Project to improve worker safety and efficiency at the plant. - **\$37,000** [**\$190,000**; **Received \$153,000 DCED grant**] ; **Received final paperwork; anticipated start date – Spring 2021.**
 - Pump Stations
 - Hershey’s Mill Pump Station Generator replacement - \$45,000 deferral from 2019; **COMPLETED**
 - Hunt Country Pump Station Mag Meter replacement - \$15,000 deferral from 2019
 - Hunt Country Pump Station Muffin Monster replacement - \$67,000 deferral from 2019
 - Hunt Country Pump Station Bypass Pump - \$99,435 carryover
 - Sewer System
 - Two (2) New Ridley Creek Sewer System Permanent Flow Meters - \$55,000 carryover
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- Asset Management Program / Indicator of Pipe Structural issues/ Ridley Creek & Chester Creek systems
- In concert with Public Works Cleaning & Televising
- Continue to operate the Sewer Treatment Plant in compliance with PADEP permit requirements
- Hershey Mill Estates Trunk Sewer Replacement – Emergency
 - Investigation on-going near term; significant foundation issues, planned consultation with PADEP; anticipating near term design solution
 - Public Works may undertake emergency construction for replacement of critical section
- Implement Planned Projects Program
 - Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant
 - Caustic Soda Project to improve worker safety and efficiency at the plant. - \$37,000;
 - Influent Flow Meter - \$22,000
 - Filter Feed Pump - \$18,000 deferral from 2020
 - Pump Stations
 - Hunt Country Pump Station Mag Meter - \$15,000 deferral from 2019
 - Hunt County Pump Station Muffin Monster - \$67,000 deferral from 2019
 - Hunt Country Pump Station Bypass Pump Connection- \$5,000 carryover from 2019
 - Sewer System-
 - Three (3) New Ridley Creek Collection System Permanent Flow Meters - deferral from 2019
 - Hibberd Lane Meter (2020 capital purchase) - construction started January 12th.
 - Other 2 meters (\$24,000 each) – deferred to 2022 and 2023

2021 ABC Kickoff Meeting - Park Commission

2021 Goals

- ⇒ Prepare park for post COVID-19 programming.
- ⇒ Implement plan for 2021 Full Day summer camp program at Glen Acres Elementary (PROS).
- ⇒ Promote, program and monitor Paoli Pike Trail usage.
- ⇒ Formalize the Park and Rec “Volunteer of the Year” program.
- ⇒ Offer nature and art focused programming. Nature Warriors with WC Garden Club; Photography Shop to offer filmmaking and photo camps; Young Rembrandts to offer youth art programming; PPT Art Walk with Chesco Art Assoc. (PROS).
- ⇒ Host WCUPA’s Carnival of Ruin—a theatrical performance with sustainability at its core.
- ⇒ Fellow ABCs—consider yourself challenged at this year’s Pumpkin Festival!!!



2020 Accomplishments

- Successfully navigated changing park usage during COVID-19 pandemic
 - Only trail open through June; most uses for rest of 2020
 - Park use up ~30% (trails, tennis/pickleball, basketball)
 - Weekday outdoor meeting space increased dramatically (scouts, mental health groups, Philly Pastel Society Art Gallery etc.)
 - Outdoor dance recitals, Chester County Concert Band practice
 - Doggie bag use up 400%!
- Only WC area municipality to host summer camp; no COVID-19 cases
- EGT Parks and REC at home (early COVID programming)
 - Diana Dickson named “Stay at Home” Teacher of the Year
- SE PA Teen Filmmakers Showcase—1098 submissions from 200 countries; increased to two day virtual event in 2020.
- Aarushi Jain named Parks and Recreation Volunteer of the Year—headed to UPenn in fall.
- Named NRPA Gold Medal Finalist community again, first in Pennsylvania.
- Paoli Pike Trail open—programming to start in 2021!
- 2020 End of Year Report on Township website



East Goshen Township Pipeline Task Force 2020 Achievements

1. Advocated for clear, documented communication with the public when disseminating pipeline-related information.
2. Made recommendations to improve safety and setbacks for the TND Ordinance.
3. Collaborated with other ABC committees to craft well-informed recommendations to the Board
4. Submitted public comments to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration regarding proposed rulemaking for natural gas and hazardous liquids pipelines.
5. Continued advocacy regarding enforcement of the EGT Noise Ordinance, resulting in citations to Sunoco for repeated violations.
6. Advised the Board regarding the progression of the Adelphia pipeline approval, and impacts to East Goshen Township.
7. Hosted discussions with Senator Katie Muth and her COS Don Vymazal, formerly a staffer for Senator Andy Dinniman regarding advocating at the state level for pipeline safety and resident protection.
8. Provided recommendations to the Board regarding the subsidence in East Goshen.
9. Facilitated the hiring of an independent geologist expert.
10. Communicated with elected officials, advocating for meaningful pipeline legislation that promotes safety and increased regulation. House Bill 2293 passed, which will increase transparency for emergency planning for first responders related to pipelines.

Pipeline Task Force Priorities for 2021

1. Increase communication to residents regarding pipeline-related issues, distilling complex information into easy-to-understand formats for the public
2. Expand relationships with other Township ABC groups; serving as a resource for pipeline-related information; forging pathways of communication where issues intersect.
3. Recruiting new members for the Pipeline Task Force as well as expanding the culture of safety awareness within the Township
4. Continuing outreach and relationship-building with area elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels.
5. Working with the Township legal staff and consultants to explore additional legal protections for the Township.
6. Research and work on the ability to develop an alert/evacuation plan specific to EGT.

Planning Commission significant accomplishments for 2020:

- Reviewed Variance for 1137 N. Chester Rd.
- Reviewed Land Development for Synthes USA 1303 Goshen Parkway
- Reviewed Solar Ordinance Amendment
- Reviewed Variance for 1631 Strasburg Rd
- Partnered with the Futurist Committee to recommend a Business Park Taskforce to review the future of East Goshen Business Parks. Taskforce was approved by the BOS and kickoff meeting scheduled for January 2021.
- The following Comprehensive Plan Implementation Strategies were completed.
 - Objective 6.1 & 6.2 to develop the Town Center and Paoli Pike Corridor – *Completed and sent to BOS for action.*
 - Objective 6.3 Transforming the West Chester Pike Corridor into a more Functional and attractive artery. - *On Hold due to Budget Restraints.*
 - Objective 7.2 Promoting the enhancement of business opportunities along the West Chester Pike Corridor. . - *On Hold due to Budget Restraints*
 - Objective 9.1 Maintaining and expanding the Open Space, Recreation, and Trails Network - *In progress, continuing in to 2021.*
 - 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. - *In progress, continuing in to 2021*
- Reviewed potential ordinance changes with the objective of improving Pipeline Safety with Land Use Planning in the future.

Planning Commission Goals for 2021:

- Continue to support the Board of Supervisors with the following Comprehensive Plan Implementing Strategies:
 - 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.
 - Objective 6.3 Transforming the West Chester Pike Corridor into a more Functional and attractive artery. - *Begin High Level Discussions.*
 - Objective 7.2 Promote the enhancement of business opportunities along the West Chester Pike Corridor. - *Begin High Level Discussions.*
- Finalize recommendations for Pipeline Safety and Land Use Planning and present to the Board of Supervisors in early 2021.
- Support BOS request to review existing township Zoning Ordinances for possible revision and updates. Comp Plan Objective 6.4 (Business Park Taskforce shall address the BP and I Districts. The Planning Commission shall focus on the remaining districts.

Outline for SAC Annual Report for 2021

Projects accomplished in 2020:

1. 8 Zoom Seminars for residents
2. Participation in COG Green Energy Committee
3. Participation in multi-Township Clean Energy Transition project
4. Initiation of Gardener Laureate Program
5. Recommendation for installation of car chargers on Township property
6. Recommendations for installation of solar panels on Township roofs
7. Suggestions for sustainable practices in newsletter inserts

Projects initiated in 2020:

1. Encouragement of local businesses to install car chargers
2. Recycling of pens, markers, crayons, etc.
3. Review of local and regional ordinances on sustainable issues
4. Analysis of waste management data
5. Program for ongoing education of residents through Twitter, Instagram, EGT emails and possibly a monthly newsletter

Projects contemplated in 2021:

1. Ongoing seminars for residents on webinar and zoom platforms
2. Implementation of a range of projects proposed by our new Gardener Laureate
3. Encouragement of local businesses to purchase electric and hybrid vehicles
4. Recycling of all types of plastics through Terracycle program
5. Implementation of recommendations by COG Green Energy Committee regarding residential solar installs through group purchasing arrangements and rebate programs
6. Recommendations regarding ground solar arrays, small windmills, geothermal installs, and small water wheels on Township and private property
7. Proposal for a community garden and a community compost site
8. Through Gardener Laureate, introduction of more indigenous, native plantings
9. Exploration of having East Goshen designated an official Tree City (Township)

East Goshen Conservancy Board

Mission Statement

Protect and nurture East Goshen's natural resources and educate East Goshen citizens of their importance.

2020 Accomplishments

1. Managed a successful Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day on October 3, 2020 (postponed from April 18, 2020).
2. Continued maintenance of blue bird houses in Applebrook Park
3. Continued maintenance of Clymer's Woods – reapplying wood chips around the trees (December 12, 2020).
4. Continued invasive species control.

2021 Goals

1. Manage a successful Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – schedule to be confirmed based on Covid-19 restrictions; tentative date – April 17, 2021.
2. Continue maintenance of blue bird houses in Applebrook Park.
3. Continue maintaining Clymer's Woods – replacing dead trees and reapplying wood chips around the trees
4. Maintain the riparian buffer along the creeks.
5. Continue control of invasive plant species.
6. Continue assisting with the pond restoration projects as needed.

Business Park Task Force

Section 2. Objectives

- Assess current revenue to the Township from the business parks.
- Create a document that is updated regularly with key information on each business.
- Assess the future outlook of the employment levels of each business in the business parks.
- Evaluate the permitted uses in the I1 and BP Districts.
- Create an action plan to address any concerns.

Section 3. Membership

The Business Park Task Force shall be composed of seven (7) persons consisting of two Supervisors, three representatives from the Planning Commission and two representatives from the Futurist Committee, all of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.