

AGENDA
 EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
 CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
 March 10, 2021 - 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February 10, 2021
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day
 - b. Clymer's Woods Plantings Maintenance
 - c. Spring planting
 - d. Goshen Downs Street Tree Recommendation
5. SUBDIVISION REVIEW - None
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Willistown Conservation Trust
 - General Overview of the Willistown Conservation Trust
 - Watershed Work in East Goshen Township
 - Future Opportunities to Collaborate
7. VARIANCES/CONDITIONAL USES – None
8. LIAISON REPORTS
9. CORRESPONDENCE
 - The Energy CO-OP letter, 2/25/21
10. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mar 11, 2021	Pipeline Task Force	06:30 pm
Mar 11, 2021	Historical Commission	07:00 pm
Mar 16, 2021	Board of Supervisors	07:00 pm
Mar 22, 2021	Sustainability Advisory Committee	07:00 pm
Mar 25, 2021	Futurist Committee	07:00 pm
Apr 01, 2021	Park & Rec Commission	07:00 pm
Apr 02, 2021	Good Friday – Office Closed	_____
Apr 05, 2021	Business Park Task Force	07:00 pm
Apr 06, 2021	Board of Supervisors	07:00 pm
Apr 07, 2021	Planning Commission	07:00 pm
Apr 08, 2021	Pipeline Task Force	06:30 pm
Apr 08, 2021	Historical Commission	07:00 pm
Apr 12, 2021	Municipal Authority	07:00 pm
Apr 14, 2021	Conservancy Board	07:00 pm

11. PUBLIC COMMENT
12. ADJOURNMENT

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2021

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 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, Sandra Snyder
Erich Meyer
Scott Sanders
Dan Flynn
Leo Sinclair
Alice Lenthe

Others present were:
Michele Truitt, Township Supervisor
Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer

Call to Order
Walter called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 our troops, first responders and healthcare personnel.

Minutes
The minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report
None

Old Business
1. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – Everyone agreed to hold this event on Saturday, April 17, 2021.
2. Clymer's Woods – The goal this year is to check the shrubs and fence. Dan will go over on Friday to see how things are and will send an email to everyone about meeting there on Saturday or not. They selected March 27, 2021 at 9 am to do the cleanup.
3. Goals - Walter presented the accomplishments of 2020 and goals for 2021 at the Annual Planning meeting. The Board of Supervisors will review the goals and officially assign them.

New Business
1. Local Land Stewardship Partnership – Walter reported that he was on a zoom call with the Willistown Conservation Trust and East Goshen's Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC). Willistown has been doing water quality monitoring and will issue a report about Ridley Creek this summer. They are interested in what the Conservancy Board is doing in Applebrook. They want to set up conference call meetings. Dan volunteered to be the

1 liaison and Walter will be the alternate. Mark commented that Willistown wants to bring
2 awareness to what they all do. They did a planting in Ashbridge last year.

3 2. Tree Trimming - Walter contacted Scott who gave information about the trees PECO is
4 trimming and/or removing. Michele mentioned that the Township has been in touch with
5 PECO. PECO has a grant program. Mark commented that the Township has already applied
6 for this grant. Walter mentioned that Tom Kilburn of the Futurist Committee asked him
7 about the Tree City designation. Walter commented that a few years ago they tried to apply
8 for this but didn't qualify at that time. Sandy explained that then they required ordinances
9 for preserving heritage trees on public and private land. Mark mentioned that it is a
10 rigorous program and costly, but he will get information for the next meeting. Alice thinks
11 Radnor is a Tree City. Mark has seen signs in some of the area municipalities.

12 3. Newsletter - For the Spring article, Sandy likes the one about fertilizer that they did a
13 while ago. It explains the consequences of fertilizer running into the water. Walter will
14 look for it and asked Mark to check the Township files.

15 Liaison Reports

16 1. Municipal Authority - Walter reported that the plant is running well. The design has
17 been done for the pipe replacement in Hershey Mills Estates. They will have a meeting with
18 West Goshen about the costs for the improvements at the Westtown Way Pump Station.

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21 2. Board of Supervisors - Michele mentioned that they put their search for a Finance
22 Director on the fast track. They will review the goals for the ABCs. She commented that ash
23 trees in Mike Lynch's neighborhood, that were street trees and died because of the borer,
24 were removed. Has anything been done? They want a recommendation for replacements.
25 Mark suggested giving them the Street Tree List. Sandy suggested contacting Scott for his
26 input. Also, they should use various type of trees. Michele will tell Mike and give him the
27 list.

28 Correspondence

29 Walter mentioned the letter regarding 198 Oneida Lane. Mark explained that this is no
30 variance or tree removal, so the Conservancy Board doesn't need to see it. They are asking
31 for relief on the size and height of a proposed shed.
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34 Any Other Matter

35 None

36 Public Comment

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38 Adjournment

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40 There being no further business, Dan moved to adjourn the meeting. Erich seconded the
41 motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on
42 Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm.
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46 Respectfully submitted,

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50 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary



February 25, 2021

Dear Council Members,

Earlier this week, The Energy Co-op announced Swarthmore Borough's switch to supply its municipal buildings with renewable natural gas (RNG), the first partnership of its kind in our region and as far as we know in the Commonwealth. This initiative resulted in large part from our work with the Swarthmore Environmental Advisory Council. You can read more about RNG in the enclosed press release. Our connection with our cooperative members and their engagement with their communities has provided us with a keen appreciation for the work of organizations like yours, and we would appreciate an opportunity to explore potential avenues of partnership with you as well.

The Energy Co-op is a Philadelphia-based cooperative owned by its 5,000+ members, providing renewable electricity, RNG, and heating oil services to thousands of households and small businesses in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Founded in 1979, we were the first supplier of renewable electricity in southeastern Pennsylvania, beginning in 1998, and are currently the only supplier of RNG to PECO and PGW customers.

In honor of Earth Month, please accept our invitation to join us at our April 13, 2021 webinar on RNG. You and your constituents are welcome to attend and learn about the benefits of RNG, a sustainable alternative to conventional natural gas that is recovered without drilling or fracking. Register for the webinar and learn more at theenergy.coop/blog/rng-webinar-sneak-peek/, then plan to join us via Zoom for an informative, one-hour discussion.

Please don't hesitate to call or send an email if you are interested in discussing how the work of The Energy Co-op and its RNG program can align with your EAC and its renewable energy goals. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Ronald Fisher | Executive Director

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Swarthmore Combats Climate Change by Switching to Renewable Natural Gas

Swarthmore, PA: Swarthmore Borough announced its next step in combatting the climate crisis: as of February 19th, its municipal properties are heated with renewable natural gas (RNG) supplied by The Energy Co-op. Ronald Fisher, executive director of The Energy Co-op, said Swarthmore is the first municipality in Pennsylvania known by the local cooperative to make the switch from conventional gas.

In September 2019, Swarthmore Borough Council passed a “Ready for 100” resolution. Ready for 100 is a program created by the Sierra Club to “encourage Pennsylvania’s cities and towns to make a pledge to...transition to 100% renewable energy.” By adopting the resolution, Borough Council committed to facilitate the use of 100% renewable sources by the government, residents, and businesses; specifically, electricity by 2030 and heat and transportation by 2050. “Switching to RNG is a natural interim step,” said Annie Fox of the Energy Transition Task Force charged with formulating a plan to turn Swarthmore’s pledge into a reality.

Renewable natural gas, also called RNG or biogas, is primarily methane captured from organic waste decomposing in landfills and other waste treatment facilities. The methane is then repurposed as a clean, more environmentally friendly energy source.

By contrast, conventional gas is recovered through drilling and fracking, or hydraulic fracturing. Bedrock formations are fractured by a highly pressurized liquid to release methane pockets. Studies have linked fracking with poisoned groundwater, polluted surface water, complaints of ill health among those living near wells, and otherwise unexplained earthquakes. Plus, conventional fracking and transportation of methane gas leaks fugitive methane. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that when raw methane is released, its effect on our climate in the atmosphere is about 30 times more potent than CO² emissions. RNG, on the other hand, recovers methane that would otherwise enter the atmosphere so it can be used as a sustainable energy source instead of exacerbating the climate crisis.

The Energy Co-op is a Philadelphia-based cooperative owned by its 5,000+ members. It was the first supplier of renewable electricity in southeastern Pennsylvania, beginning in 1998, and is currently the only supplier of RNG to PECO and PGW customers. Fisher added, “In addition to innovating renewable energy supply options for our members, The Energy Co-op and its members are committed to educating our region and raising awareness about the important transition we all need to make to cleaner, more sustainable energy sources. We applaud Swarthmore Borough and its Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) for undertaking this initiative that not only reduces the Borough’s carbon footprint but highlights for our entire region the importance of recovering and using RNG.”

The Swarthmore EAC advises the Borough Council and educates its citizens on matters that affect the quality of its environment, including those relating to the protection, conservation, management, promotion, and use of natural resources. “We are proud to set an example for other municipalities and residents of the Borough with the purchase of renewable natural gas. The urgency of the climate crisis requires rethinking old ways of doing things and supporting new technologies,” said EAC Member, Elizabeth Jenkins. Fox added, “Swarthmore hopes to lead the way for other local communities seeking to play their part in a vital global energy transformation.”

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