

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2021**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 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

Michael Lynch, Township Supervisor

Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer

Christina Morley, Pipeline Task Force

Eunice Alexander, Goshen Tree Tenders

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 March 10, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

Chairman's Report

1. Walter mentioned that he received a note from Eric that he has a possible solution for tree trunk protection which he will present at next month's meeting.

Old Business

1. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – This will be held this Saturday April 17, 2021 with raindate on April 18 but it looks like the weather will be okay. It starts at 8:00 a.m. There will be a table in the covered entrance at the Township Building with the equipment people will need. Walter reported that he has had a good response. A few groups have already picked up trash. Some are coming Saturday and some next Monday. The locations and groups were discussed.

2. Spring Planting – Walter suggested a site walk in mid-May to check Clymer's Woods and the Applebrook/Paoli Pike Trail at Hibberd Lane. Mark Miller will stake some areas as suggestions. Walter is concerned about the power line. Eunice suggested using shrubs instead of trees in this area. Mike mentioned that Mark Miller contacted them about the Marydell Pond project. Because of COVID Mark missed doing some of the plantings there. He suggested that if the Conservancy Board has extra trees, they could go to the Marydell

project. Michele commented that the Marydell residents want to be involved in the placement of the landscaping. Mark Miller suggested putting in stakes with a tag listing the type of tree to be planted. Mike mentioned that the Public Works crew did a great job of dredging and setting the pond up. It is looking good. Michele spoke about the reason for the delay and possible increase in costs. Mike feels the Township should reach out to the Pond Committee and have an on-site meeting with them. Eunice mentioned that there is a Tree Vitalize Program where she can get up to 10 trees.

3. Clymer's Woods – Walter feels a site walk in mid-May, maybe the 15th, to see how many trees need to be replaced would be good. He feels there are about 20 trees that need mulching.

4. Tree City USA - Michele mentioned that Jason Lang is looking into this designation. Tom Kilburn, of the Futurist and Sustainability Committees, called Walter about this. Eunice mentioned that it requires a record of how much was spent on planting trees. She feels we would qualify but the main thing is that we are planning more plantings and taking care of them.

New Business

1. Paoli Pike Fall Tree Planting – This was discussed under old business #2.

Liaison Reports

1. Municipal Authority - Walter reported that the plant is running well. They did meet with West Goshen about the Westtown Way Pump Station. Our engineer suggested that they extend the project to see if there is funding available for this regional project.

2. Board of Supervisors – Michele reported that a candidate for Township Manager has been hired and is going through the checks that need to be done. The new Director of Finance is David Ware and he starts on Monday.

3. Pipeline Task Force – Christina mentioned that they got a draft report from the geologist they hired. He is finalizing it to present to the BOS. On the Township Website there is a notice about the complaints brought against Sunoco. It includes a list of the 3 pipelines and what they carry.

4. Sustainability Advisory Committee – Michele mentioned that they just had a seminar on lawn care. Their presentation is on the Township website.

Any Other Matter

1. Litter – Mike has been in contact with the County Commissioners about a program to take care of litter but hasn't had a response to his latest letter. Mike spoke about roadside litter management and how it should be part of our lifestyle. The way our roads look reflect on the lifestyle we are pontificating on. He suggested a program under the County Parks and Recreation Stewardship. This is a long-term way of taking care of our environment. KEGBD has done a great job and having it in the Spring is good because people will come out for Earth Day. He would like to set up a corps of 5-7 people who would be engaged in roadside cleanup 4 times a year – March through November. He would be one of the first to volunteer. It wouldn't be like KEGBD. Each time it would be just one area in the township. Michele suggested getting the Sustainability Advisory Committee involved. Walter suggested starting a pilot program along the Paoli Pike Trail which gets a lot of traffic and would be fairly safe. Sandy was in charge of the PennDOT Adopt a Highway program for a

previous employer. They place signs along the road that you selected and you only have to clean 2 times a year. She described what they did to make it safe. She would be willing to help with this. She mentioned how a long time ago this was a big deal with PA. There were signs everywhere and fines if you got caught throwing litter out of your car. She spoke about trash in the creeks/rivers. Mike believes the PA program is still in existence and could be something to consider. He collects along Wilson Drive in the Business Park. He is now picking up masks! This is not necessarily residents since it is in the Business Park. He spoke about pass-through traffic and the things he has picked up.

Alice mentioned that she was in a drive-through line and the person in front of her threw a lit cigarette and pack out of his car. She called the police and they came. Eunice spoke about the toxins that can get in the water. Sandy mentioned there is less litter at the Reservoir since we installed trash cans. Something should be put in the Township Newsletter.

2. Carnival of Ruin – Michele mentioned that this will be held in the park on May 29th. There are only 100 tickets available. It shows how you can entertain and use our stuff to make it work.

3. The Beaver – He has relocated himself. Mark Miller had his crew go out and tear down the dams that he made.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Sandy moved to adjourn the meeting. Walter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary