

AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING

1580 Paoli Pike, 2nd Floor
October 13, 2021 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - **September 8, 2021**
3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. **Clymer's Woods Trees Maintenance**
 - b. **Toddler Trick or Treat Event**
5. SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW – None
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. VARIANCES/CONDITIONAL USES – None
8. LIAISON REPORTS
9. CORRESPONDENCE
10. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Meeting</i> | <i>Time</i> |
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| Oct 13, 2021 | Conservancy Board | 7:00 pm |
| Oct 14, 2021 | Pipeline Task Force | 6:30 pm |
| Oct 14, 2021 | Historical Commission | 7:00 pm |
| Oct 16, 2021 | Pumpkin Fest | 10:00 am |
| Oct 16, 2021 | Food Truck & Music Festival | 2:30 pm |
| Oct 19, 2021 | Board of Supervisors | 7:00 pm |
| Oct 21, 2021 | Futurist Committee | 7:00 pm |
| Oct 25, 2021 | Sustainability Advisory Com | 7:00 pm |
| Nov 2, 2021 | Election Day | No Meetings |
| Nov 3, 2021 | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |
| Nov 4, 2021 | Park & Rec Commission | 7:00 pm |
| Nov 8, 2021 | Municipal Authority | 7:00 pm |
| Nov 9, 2021 | Board of Supervisors | 7:00 pm |
| Nov 10, 2021 | Conservancy Board | 7:00 pm |

11. PUBLIC COMMENT
12. ADJOURNMENT

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September 8, 2021

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Members in attendance are indicated in **BOLD**:

Chairman, Walter Wujcik
Vice Chairman, Sandra Snyder
Erich Meyer
Scott Sanders
Dan Flynn
Alice Lenthe

Others present were:

Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer
David Ware, Finance Director
John Hertzog, Township Supervisor
Christina Morley, Pipeline Task Force
Eunice Alexander, West Goshen Park & Rec Board

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 our troops, first responders and healthcare personnel.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report

None

Old Business

1. Clymer's Woods – Walter and Mark Miller staked the trees to be removed. Mark will plant the replacement trees and 3 trees along the path. Scott mentioned that he met with Mark. One of his customers wants to donate seeds from some trees he planted a few years ago. The customer will also donate the wire mesh to protect the trees. The Commission will select a date for mulching at the October meeting.

2. Tree City – Mark mentioned that the Board of Supervisors has approved application submission. Mark has contacted several people regarding requirements for this designation. One thing that was suggested was that the township ordinance be amended to provide for a Tree Board. He will submit the application.

3. Invasive Plant Spraying – Walter commented that a letter and invoice was received from Brian O'Neill owner of Weeds, Inc. He will do weed control at Reservoir Road, Blacksmith Shop, Clymer's Woods and Applebrook Park. He will target Canada thistle, Mugwort, Multiflora Rose as in the past for \$995.00. Walter mentioned that the price has increased each year. He also mentioned that Mark Miller cuts back the Multiflora Rose from the

1 walkways if needed. Sandy made a motion to approve the Weeds, Inc. proposal Q-P2-910 in
2 the amount of \$995.00 for the areas listed. Erich seconded the motion. The motion passed
3 unanimously.

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5 **New Business**

6 None

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8 **Subdivision/Land Development Review**

9 **Malvern Institute (LD) Landscaping plan.** Mark reviewed the Malvern Institute application
10 and landscaping plan. The Planning Commission did not meet last Wednesday because of
11 the severe weather due to Hurricane Ida. They will review this at their October meeting. He
12 spoke about the process for this LD plan which has taken a few years. The Township
13 Engineer found the plan to be adequate. Walter pointed out that they are not removing any
14 existing trees! There was discussion about the additional parking spaces. There will be
15 new underground storm water management. Walter mentioned that the symbols for the
16 trees and shrubs are not labeled on the plan. There was discussion about trees that are deer
17 resistant. Dan mentioned that as white pines grow, they start to lose their lower branches.
18 Mark commented that they are going to fill in that area. Also, the Institute is required to
19 maintain and replace any trees in this buffer. Mark explained the differences in buffers
20 depending on the uses of the properties. Dan mentioned that the eastern side of the
21 property is a wetland and full of growth. This area is the headwater for Ridley Creek and is
22 designated high quality water. It looks like, in the future, they may want to use some of this
23 area, i.e., wood chip paths and a fountain in the existing private pond. Mark explained how
24 they will control this area using storm water management. They did a delineation of the
25 wetlands.

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27 **Public Comment:**

28 **1. Page Fenimore**, 3 Treemont Dr. – She commented about the visual buffer but also about a
29 buffer for the sound. Sandy assured her that if the buffer isn't working for them, they
30 should contact the township about it. Then the Township will contact the Institute. Mark
31 mentioned that a sound wall will be installed behind the trees.

32 **2. Joanne Murphy**, Treemont Dr. – She mentioned that the ground behind them goes down
33 then up to the Institute's property. There can be a lot of water when it rains. Mark
34 explained that there will be no grading except in the parking lot. These issues will be
35 covered by the Planning Commission at their October 6th meeting. The Conservancy Board
36 will only look at the landscaping plan. She asked about spraying for insects. Mark
37 mentioned that they will take care of issues on a case by case basis.
38 Scott Sanders commented that PA has laws about trees on property lines. If branches fall on
39 your property you are responsible for taking care of it. But, if you send a letter about your
40 concerns, then the Institute is responsible. If there is no notification, it is considered "an act
41 of God" and the resident is responsible.

42 **3. Joe Fenimore**, 3 Treemont Dr. – He asked about the process. Mark explained that the
43 Conservancy Board will review the landscape plan and send any recommendations to the
44 Planning Commission, as will any other Boards or Commissions involved in this plan. The
45 Planning Commission will review the entire plan and the recommendations. They will then
46 send a final recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Fenimore asked about the
47 fencing. Mark explained the type of fence that will be used and the height. The minimum
48 for the trees is 10 feet high.

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50 John Hertzog commented that he would like to see an estimated cost for the landscaping
51 and fencing. He spoke about the court decision in the residents vs MI case.

1 Sandy made a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Conservancy Board recommend that
2 the Planning Commission approve the landscaping plan proposed for the Malvern Institute
3 Land Development application as submitted with the following conditions:

4 1. The applicant shall provide additional landscaping within the parking lot island
5 and along the western and eastern side of the parking areas, similar to what they propose
6 along the northern side of the parking area.

7 2. The applicant shall increase the diversity of the proposed evergreen species in
8 order to help improve the resiliency of the evergreen planting buffer.

9 3. The applicant shall agree to a condition that, should the landscape buffer cease to
10 provide a visual screen of the sound fence in the future, the applicant will replace dead and
11 thinning landscape material at the direction of the Township.

12 Alice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
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15 **Liaison Reports**

16 1. Municipal Authority - Walter spoke about the problems they had due to the recent
17 storms. John Hertzog mentioned that he was with Mark Miller at the plant after the storm
18 and was very pleased with the backup generators they had to keep the plant running.
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20 **Correspondence**

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23 **Any Other Matter**

24 None
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26 **Public Comment**

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29 **Adjournment**

30 There being no further business, Alice moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the
31 motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on
32 Wednesday October 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm.
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34 Respectfully submitted,
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38 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary