

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
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

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

New Business

None

Subdivision/Land Development Review

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

Public Comment:

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

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

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

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

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

1. The applicant shall provide additional landscaping within the parking lot island and along the western and eastern side of the parking areas, similar to what they propose along the northern side of the parking area.
 2. The applicant shall increase the diversity of the proposed evergreen species in order to help improve the resiliency of the evergreen planting buffer.
 3. The applicant shall agree to a condition that, should the landscape buffer cease to provide a visual screen of the sound fence in the future, the applicant will replace dead and thinning landscape material at the direction of the Township.
- Alice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports

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

Correspondence

None

Any Other Matter

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Alice moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary