

**AGENDA
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**

1580 Paoli Pike, 2nd Floor
March 9, 2022 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - **February 9, 2022**
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Advertise 4/23 – Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day
5. SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW – None
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. **Discuss Invasive Plant control in open spaces: Weeds Inc. Invoice**
 - b. **Beehive Placement in Suplee Valley Open Space**
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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| March 10 | Pipeline Task Force | 5:30 pm |
| March 10 | Historical Commission | 7:00 pm |
| March 14 | Municipal Authority | 7:00 pm |
| March 15 | Board of Supervisors | 7:00 pm |
| March 17 | Futurist Committee | 7:00 pm |
| March 28 | Sustainability Advisory Committee | 7:00 pm |
| April 5 | Board of Supervisors | 7:00 pm |
| April 6 | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |
| April 7 | Park & Rec Commission | 7:00 pm |
| April 9 | Township Egg Hunt | 9:00 am |
| April 11 | Municipal Authority | 7:00 pm |
| April 12 | Pension Committee | 10:00 am |
| April 13 | Conservancy Board | 7:00 pm |
| April 14 | Pipeline TF | 5:30 pm |
| April 14 | Historical Committee | 7:00 pm |
| April 15 | Township Closed – Good Friday | ----- |
| April 19 | Board of Supervisors | 7:00 pm |
| April 21 | Futurist Committee | 7:00 pm |
| April 23 | Keep East Goshen Beautiful | 8:00 am |
| April 25 | Sustainability Advisory Committee | 7:00 pm |
| April 30 | Township Yard Sale | 9:00 am |

11. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
12. PUBLIC COMMENT
13. ADJOURNMENT

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2022

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. The January meeting was cancelled. Members in attendance are indicated in **BOLD**:

Sandra Snyder, Chairman

Dan Flynn, Vice Chairman

Erich Meyer

Scott Sanders

Walter Wujcik

Others present were:

Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer

Call to Order

Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Sandy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked for a moment of silence to remember our first responders, troops, and medical staffs.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting were approved as amended. The January meeting was cancelled.

Chairman's Report

Sandy introduced Becky Greenhow, a resident who interviewed for a position on the Conservancy Board but hasn't heard anything from the BOS yet.

Old Business

1. Tree City – Mark reported that the application was submitted and accepted. A State Forester looked at it but hasn't commented yet. Mark gave a report of the annual costs of maintaining our parks, open space and forest areas. Since April 23 is Arbor Day and Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day, he suggested that the CB have a tree planting ceremony.

2. Clymer's Woods – Walter and Erich reported that they spread some more chips. There are some more trees to be mulched. Erich put the chips by the remaining trees and let everyone know so they can rake them onto the trees.

New Business

1. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day - Sandy mentioned that this will be held on April 23rd which is also Arbor Day. They will start to advertise and send emails in March.

2. Annual ABC Meeting – Sandy reported about the meeting. One thing that was discussed, each board was asked how they felt about consolidating with another board. She discussed the similarities with SAC. Mark spoke about how some of the ABCs are mentioned in the

1 ordinance, so they may have to make changes to the ordinance. Sandy reviewed the
2 accomplishments/goals for SAC. Erich is not for combining ABCs. If they do it, he would
3 consider resigning. He spoke about how the CB is nature based and conserving what we
4 have is our goal.

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6 **3. Conservancy Board Goals for 2022** – Sandy reviewed the goals for 2022.

7 KEGBD will be held on April 23.

8 Blue Bird houses in Applebrook. Sandy commented that someone mentioned during
9 the ABC meeting that there is a place where they paint the bird houses different colors. This
10 was discussed. Dan cleans the bird houses.

11 Clymer's Woods – There are still some trees to be mulched.

12 Riparian Buffer – In the fall the CB will do a planting at Reservoir Rd. and Strasburg
13 Rd. This area was done a few years ago but needs some additional plantings.

14 Invasive Species – The contractor will be contacted in April.

15 Tree City Application – Mark commented that if they have the ceremonial planting,
16 they can take photos and send them in. Need to select the type of tree and the location.

17 Willistown Conservation Trust – Dan will be the monitor of their events.

18 Mark spoke about the Ashbridge Conservancy.

19 Beck spoke about a tree she got that can be planted in the Spring.

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21 **Subdivision/Land Development Review**

22 Mark reported that the Malvern Institute has not made a presentation yet. If they do, they
23 will probably have a tree plan to be reviewed by the CB.

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25 **Liaison Reports**

26 **Municipal Authority** - Walter commented that the sewer treatment plant is doing well. They
27 are monitoring the West Goshen plant and pump station projects.

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29 **Correspondence**

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32 **Any Other Matter**

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34 **Public Comment**

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37 **Adjournment**

38 There being no further business, Erich moved to adjourn the meeting. Walter seconded the
39 motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on
40 Wednesday March 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

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42 Respectfully submitted,

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46 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary



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February 22, 2022

East Goshen Township
Mark Gordon, Township Manager
1580 Paoli Pike
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PROPOSAL Q-P2-910

Weed Control

Reservoir Road, Blacksmith Shop, Clymer's Woods, Applebrook Park
Spray for invasives targeting Canada Thistle, Mugwort, Multiflora Rose as treated in the past per Sandy Snyder's instruction.

Cost \$1,080.00

If you would like to accept this proposal, please sign and return.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian G. O'Neill

BGON:kmi

Accepted by

Date

Memo

To: Conservancy Board
From: Department of Parks and Recreation
Re: Bee Hives placement in Supplee Valley Open Space
Date: ~~June 7, 2021~~

March 3, 2022

Overview:

The Bees by the Blacksmith Shop has been a very successful partnership since it was created in June 2021. We've held numerous youth bee education classes as well as Bellingham Senior Living programs. The department is interested in adding bee hives to the Supplee Valley Open Space on Reservoir Road, given the success of our current installation. Bees are an extremely important part of our natural world. In fact, bees touch over 60% of all the food we eat. With their natural habitats under constant tension, it is important to provide habitat for pollinating insects where possible.

Location:

Supple Valley Open Space is located off Reservoir Road nearing the corner with E. Strasburg Road and is 26.1 acres of passive park space dotted by a creek, native plantings and an internal grass path. There is parking for 4-5 cars, but most usage comes from the connected neighborhoods.

This location is proposed because it's a large, Township owned park space created by the Conservancy Board that does not get significant usage.



Proposal:

- Add 4-6 bee hives that would be consistent with the size/scope of the Bees by the Blacksmith installation.
- Carmen B's Honey would manage and maintain the hives.

Benefits to Township:

- Provide honey bee habitat
- Improve the ecology and pollination of 26.1 acres of native plantings. Honeybees can travel up to 3.0 miles to find flowers, so this could also positively contribute to 37.0 acres of connected park open space.
- Study the effects on native plant health (size, pollination frequency etc.) over a distinct period. Could be a WCU or East HS student project.

Formal relationship:

1. East Goshen Township to provide the public space for this project. Carmen B's Honey will retain ownership/liability for the beehives and incur all costs associated with the bee hives during the duration of their placement.
2. The Township and Carmen B's Honey will sign a hold harmless agreement similar to our current partnership. The Township will not be held responsible for any expenses incurred should the hives be damaged or vandalized, for colony collapse or any other apiary-related activities.
3. One safety sign will be erected around the hives.
4. Maintenance – Carmen B's Honey will perform all routine maintenance.
5. As specified in the contract, the Township can dissolve the relationship and ask that the hives be removed except between the specific months of April-July (removed in late August). The contract will be evaluated on an annual basis.

Similar local, current partnerships:

Carmen B's Honey currently has 13 hives at the Willistown Trust Preserve's 55 acre Ashbridge Preserve that is similar in park setting and visitor attendance.

Access:

Carmen B's Honey asks to be able to drive his vehicle close to the hive location as depicted on the graphic. The path leading to the hives, where he would drive, will not be improved with mulch or similar.



Distinct from Bees by the Blacksmith Shop (BBS) installation:

- This project will be different from the BBS installation in that its focus is on providing honeybee habitat and improving Township park ecological health. Given the proposed placement and lack of parking, it would not likely be used for Township class/demonstration purposes.

Motion:

I recommend placing beehives in the Supplee Valley open space in partnership with Carmen B's Honey.

Aerial Photograph:



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