

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Annual Planning Session
Tuesday, January 31,2023**

The Board of Supervisors held their Annual Planning Session with the Township ABCs on Tuesday January 31, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Board of Supervisors who were present: John Hertzog, Chairman; Michael Lynch, Vice Chairman; Michele Truitt, David Shuey, and Cody Bright. Township staff present: Derek Davis, Township Manager; Mark Miller, Director of Public Works; Jason Lang, Director of Park and Recreation; and Jessica Wilhelmy, Recreation Program Coordinator.

John Hertzog called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence to remember our police, fire fighters, EMS, and healthcare providers. He asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

John explained the procedure for this meeting. Each ABC will present their 2022 Accomplishments/2023 Goals report.

Before the presentations started, Bill Foelsch of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), made an announcement that East Goshen Park & Recreation Department was named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist for the 4th consecutive year and presented the Gold Medal Finalist Plaque. He mentioned the sponsors that help promote this award which honors Park and Recreation. He commented that people rely on Park and Recreation to keep the park and programs going for them. East Goshen was one of twenty-four national finalists. Jason Lang accepted the award and thanked Mr. Foelsch for coming to make the presentation. Jason mentioned that Park and Recreation is very important to the residents. He worked in Park and Recreation in various places before East Goshen. He was impressed by the park, which is always busy, the elected officials, and the Public Works Department which does a great job maintaining the parks. When he started here, he knew about this award and felt that East Goshen would qualify. He noted that the residents are the ones who won this award.

Michael Lynch mentioned that this will be his last ABC meeting. He thanked everyone for the work and investment you all do to help the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the community be what it is. Community connections is essential. Keep this commitment to your community. Community means give and take. Coming together, making sure the community is first. We get things done at this local level.

1. Municipal Authority – Kevin Cummings, Chairman, mentioned that this Authority has 5 members, and he is the Chairman for 2023. He reported that for the entire year of 2022 they operated the Ridley Creek Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) within the PADEP permit requirements, which is a great accomplishment. West Goshen had to update their STP and, since they process some of our sewage, we had to pay our share of the cost. The Westtown Way Pumping Station is undergoing improvements. He explained what (I&I) is and how our Public Works Department examines the sewer system. Derek showed a film of sever damage to

1 sewer lines. Mark Miller explained how they make the inspection at night and do any necessary
2 repairs. Michael Lynch acknowledged the importance of this for our water and the
3 environment. Kevin mentioned that the Hershey Mill Estates sewer line is being replaced this
4 year. The contractor will start work in February. Kevin explained the updating of meters and
5 their importance. The UV (Ultraviolet) Disinfection System used to be operated manually. This
6 year installation of an automated system will be done. The Authority has been able to get some
7 grant money for some of these projects. They have to report to PADEP what they do each year.
8 Their BOS Liaison is Michael Lynch.

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11 **2. Park & Recreation Commission – Deborah Snyder, Chairman,** mentioned the “J & J Team”
12 (Jason Lang and Jessica Wilhelmy) which is providing lots of creativity. This past year we had
13 the first all day summer camp which sold out in 6 hours. She mentioned that East Goshen was
14 named the NRPA Gold Medal Finalist for the 4th consecutive year. She mentioned projects
15 done by Eagle Scouts and the new Pickleball courts project. The Teen Film Showcase was
16 selected by Gov. Wolf for a state partnership award. This Showcase gets entrees and films from
17 all over the world. The playground Flash Mob was led by Michele Truitt with her flute!! The
18 Christmas Toy Drive had over 250 gifts donated, and the seniors wrapped them. The foot
19 bridge in East Goshen Park was replaced. The Junior Beekeeping program is a success. The
20 children are provided with protective suits when they meet with Carmen Battavio to learn
21 about bees.

22 **Jason Lang, Director of Park and Recreation,** spoke about 2023. Registration for summer camp
23 will start tomorrow at 6 am. There will be ribbon cuttings for the Hershey’s Mill Dam Park and
24 Marydell Pond. They will be selecting a new Poet Laureate. He acknowledged Christi Marshall
25 our current Poet Laureate. He mentioned the Chesco Art Walk which was a huge success. We
26 received a grant which will be used to provide transportation to the Art Walk.

27 **Jessica Wilhelmy, Recreation Program Coordinator,** mentioned that we will host the first ever
28 Township Photo Contest in partnership with The Photography Workshop and Locust Lane
29 Brewery. The winning adult photo will become the label for the Locust Lane Brewery beer at
30 October’s Food Truck and Music Festival. The children’s winner will have a one week course
31 with the Photography Workshop. A Senior Book Club has started. They meet the 2nd Tuesday at
32 1 pm. There are lots of new programs.

33 Cody Bright is their BOS Liaison.

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36 **3. Pipeline Task Force – Gerald Sexton, Chairman,** commented that Hazard Mitigation is their #1
37 concern. He spoke about meetings with Chester County officials to discuss emergency services.
38 They were urged by David Shuey to investigate utilizing external leak detection at Adelphia
39 valve station on Paoli Pike. The BOS made a formal request of Adelphia pipeline operator to
40 install these devices. In 2023 they will continue to do this with other valve stations in the
41 township. Last year there was an incident with a pipeline who said they called 811 to notify of
42 work to do done. However, this is not sufficient notification of pipeline work, so the Task Force
43 worked with the Township Manager to codify the township’s contacts with all pipeline

1 companies in East Goshen. In 2023 they would like to add two more members to the Task
2 Force.

3 Michael Lynch spoke about the work Michele Truitt did last year regarding the pipeline. He
4 suggested that they invite County officials to a meeting which will let them know that this
5 community is interested and watching.

6 David Shuey is the BOS Liaison.

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8 **4. Planning Commission** - Ernest Harkness, Chairman, spoke about the Commission and what
9 they accomplished in 2022. He mentioned which projects are complete and which are still in
10 process. He mentioned the pending applications and pointed out that 301 and 14 Reservoir
11 Rd. are subdivision requests of which they have had a few in the past year. The Pipeline
12 Awareness Study is a new part of the required process. They just received applications for 1722
13 Towne Dr. and 905 Airport Road.

14 Michael Lynch is the BOS Liaison. Michael suggested that the PC start to look at the
15 Comprehensive Plan for any possible updates. Michele pointed out that there is no mandated
16 timeframe for updating the Comprehensive Plan. It is up to the local BOS to determine if an
17 update is needed.

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19 **5. Environmental & Sustainability Advisory Council** – Christi Supple, Chairman, thanked the
20 BOS and David and Jason for their support over the past 4 years and for the recent upgrade to
21 ESAC. She mentioned the first EXPO they held last year and how successful it was. They were
22 contacted by West Goshen to combine EXPOs so, this year on April 15,2023, they will hold a
23 combined EXPO in East Goshen Park. By becoming an ESAC they will be able to get grants.
24 Some people came to the EXPO last year on bikes but there was no place to put them. So, a
25 bike rack is being installed in front of the township building. They have started a Facebook
26 page. She spoke about plantings they will do at the township building. The Lenapes were the
27 original residents of Chester County. They are looking forward to programs around that theme.
28 EV charging at the Giant has one regular spot and one handicapped spot, which is causing some
29 problems. Derek commented that this is in court now, and it may take a while to get the code
30 changed. They have applied for a grant to help pay for 3,000 lidded recycling bins. At the
31 EXPO, stickers will be given out with suggestions for recycling. They will continue to participate
32 in Township events.

33 David Shuey is their BOS Liaison.

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35 **6. Conservancy Board** – Sandy Snyder, Chairman. She mentioned that they only had 3 active
36 members in 2022 and thanked the BOS for their efforts to get more members. Keep East
37 Goshen Beautiful Day has been held for 7 years. She thanked everyone who came out for this
38 event. This year it will be held on April 22. They have installed Blue Bird houses in Supplee
39 Valley. Clymer’s Woods is the entrance to East Goshen. If you see any trees that don’t look
40 good let her know. There are people walking in this area all the time. They have partnered
41 with Goshen Tree Tenders who provided several trees for the fall planting. She mentioned the
42 Tree City USA application and the process that needs to be followed. They are partnering with
43 the Willistown Conservancy to hold programs for residents about streams. She explained what

1 a riparian buffer is and the importance of it. They will plant more trees in Supplee Valley this
2 year. They expect to review the Malvern Institute landscaping plan.
3 Michael Lynch acknowledged Karen Martynick, the newest member of the CB, and her work on
4 the County level. Also, he is interested in having a fall event.
5 Michele Truitt is their BOS Liaison.

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8 **7. Futurists Committee** – Thomas Kilburn commented that they need 1 or 2 more members.
9 He thanked Cody Bright, David Shuey and Mark Miller for their support this year. They did an
10 extensive survey which showed that residents have a high connection to the Township. 72% of
11 respondents support the addition of connector paths and 64% support adding street trees in
12 the business district. The FC was charged with looking at low cost path options. They are
13 looking at major street crossings. He mentioned that there are some store vacancies. There
14 was discussion about sites for connector pathways.
15 Michael Lynch encouraged them to continue the surveys for the residents. It’s a great way to
16 find out what they think. Cody mentioned that Willistown had a very good return of a paper
17 survey. Other methods of doing surveys were discussed.
18 Cody Bright is their BOS Liaison.

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20 Closing comments:
21 Michael mentioned Cody and his commitment for 6 years as a Supervisor. He encouraged
22 younger people to get involved.
23 John Hertzog thanked everyone on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for all that these
24 volunteers do for the Township.

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26 Please see the attached reports for more information.

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28 **Adjournment**
29 There being no further business Cody moved to adjourn the meeting. Michele seconded the
30 motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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32 Respectfully submitted,
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35 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary
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