

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2023**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Members in attendance are indicated in **BOLD**:

Sandra Snyder, Chairman
Dan Flynn, Vice Chairman
Erich Meyer
Scott Sanders
Walter Wujcik
Karen Martynick

Others present were:

Michele Truitt, Township Supervisor
Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator
Eunice Alexander, Goshen Tree Tenders

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

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

Minutes

The minutes of the January 11, 2023 meeting were approved as amended.

New Business Subdivision/Land Development Review

Applebrook Turf Maintenance – Brett H. MacKay, Senior Associate at Chester Valley Engineers represented the applicant. The Board members have been provided with a Landscape/Site Plan. The Applebrook Golf Club wants to update their maintenance facility located at Hibberd Rd. and Paoli Pk. They are proposing to enhance the berm along Paoli Pike and extend the privacy fence. He confirmed that no trees will be removed. Sandra looked up the species they want to use and none are invasive. She spoke about the proper way to mulch the trees. Brett explained that currently they just wash the equipment off. The plan includes a wash island with a drain that will take the excess water into the building where it will be treated and sent to the sanitary sewer. There is an onsite storm water management system. Dan is very concerned about the Ridley Creek. He read from the State of Streams report for this area. Sandy mentioned permit requirements. The golf course has been there a long time, and this may be a better collection system. Erich referred to the plans presented to the Planning Commission. Brett commented that filters will be installed and maintained to trap debris. The Landscape Plan was reviewed. Walter made a motion to accept the Applebrook Turf Maintenance Landscape Plan. Dan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sandy will send a letter to the Planning Commission.

Chairman's Report

1. New Member – Sandra welcomed new member Karen Martynick. Karen mentioned that she is currently retired. She was on the Conservancy Board when it first started. She was a Chester County Commissioner for a few years. A large part of her work has been with conservation trusts that saved about 40,000 acres of land from development.

2. Annual Planning Meeting – Sandra reported that she made the presentation and feels everything went well.

3. Surveys – The Futurist Committee did a survey in 2022 and everyone feels the return was very good. It was about open space and planting trees.

4. Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESAC) - Sandra mentioned that ESAC has a goal for this year to plant shrubs around the Township sign in front of the Township building. Sandra feels someone on the CB should participate.

5. Newsletter – The due date for articles for the Township newsletter have been changed. Also a paper newsletter will be mailed. Ashley confirmed that the newsletter schedule is April, August and December/January. The deadline for the April edition is February 17. Sandra will submit an article about mowing, fertilizing and mulching trees for Spring.

Old Business

1. Supplee Valley – The trees look good. Sandra suggested doing a site visit in the Spring and continue to do plantings there.

2. Stream Awareness Night – Dan reported that he has contacted several speakers. The tentative date is March 29. He feels that 3 speakers at 20 minutes each should be sufficient.

3. Tree City – Ashley mentioned that the application was submitted, and she received notice that it is in the first phase of review.

New Business

1. Arbor Day Tree – The ceremony will be done in Clymer's Woods on April 22nd. Walter made a motion to purchase a tree for the Arbor Day Ceremony April 22nd in Clymer's Woods. Erich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. KEGBD – Sandra reviewed what needs to be done for this day on April 22/raindate April 23. Signs were discussed.

Liaison Reports

Planning Commission - Erich mentioned that the Planning Commission has moved its monthly meeting from the 1st Wednesday to the 4th Tuesday each month.

Any Other Matter

None

Board Member Concerns

Tree List – Sandra mentioned that when she was reviewing the Applebrook plan she looked through the Ordinance and could not find the list of approved trees.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Walter moved to adjourn the meeting. Erich seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary