

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

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 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 February 8, 2023 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report

1. Newsletter – Sandra commented that she found a previous article and submitted it for the current newsletter. Topics for the Fall newsletter were discussed.

2. Applebrook – Sandra commented that a letter was sent to the Planning Commission about the Applebrook Turf Maintenance which the CB approved on 2/8/23. Erich mentioned that the BOS approved the Golf Ordinance at last night's meeting.

Old Business

1. Tree Ordinance - Sandra commented that she could not find the Tree Ordinance anywhere in the Township's code. Walter found paperwork from 2015. It is a resolution about trees. Michele mentioned that a resolution is not an ordinance. She recommended that they develop it into an ordinance so it can be part of the code and enforceable. Also, she recommended that the CB work with the ESAC.

Eunice feels the list should be for street trees (Tall, Medium and Small) and others, which would be easier to understand. Also, maybe have a link to the Dept. of Conservation. Sandra is ok with the resolution she just wants to know where the list is so they can tell developers, etc. where to find it. Dan suggested putting a link on the CB webpage. Michele also suggested they include deer resistant shrubs.

2. Educational Event on March 29 – Dan has been in touch with Lauren McGrath of the Willistown Conservation Trust, and she is available to do the presentation. He hasn't been able to talk to Meghan Hopkins-Doerr at Penn State. He has talked to Dr. John Jackson from Stroud. He will meet with Lauren on Friday. Sandra wants a notice of the event to go out next Monday. Eunice mentioned that the Master Watershed Steward program does water demonstrations. Michele attended a watershed discussion in 2019. It was done by the County and very good. She would also want to include the other townships around East Goshen. Sandra suggested having a series of events over the year. Dan commented that the main issue is restoring creeks by planting trees on riparian buffers. A notice of the event should be sent to residents who live along the waterways. Karen mentioned that she spoke to Meghan about this program. Dan will follow up. Also, Mark Miller has connections at Penn State.

3. Tree City – Ashley mentioned that she received an email stating that we should know something in the next few weeks. A black gum tree will be planted in Clymer's Woods on April 22, KEGB Day and the proclamation will be read.

4. KEGBD – Sandra was contacted by Brian Hutchinson of the ESAC suggesting that we post notice about KEGBD to other websites. He sent Sandra a link to get free goods for the day. Michele mentioned that she is on the Nextdoor website and posted about KEGBD in response to complaints about the debris along our roads.

5. Supplee Valley – Sandra asked if anyone had checked the cages on the trees to keep the deer away. Eunice mentioned that a Tree Tender did go out and check the cages. They are okay for now.

New Business

None

Liaison Reports

1. Municipal Authority – Walter reported that the sewer pipes are in the ground at Hershey Mill Estates.

2. Board of Supervisors – Michele mentioned that they looked at the plans for 13 new homes at 1010 Hershey Mill Drive. She is concerned about the stream. They made requirements to add riparian buffers and a bridge over the stream. She mentioned the ESAC Expo will be April 15 the week before KEGBD. She suggested that the CB have a table at the Expo for people to sign up. They also discussed the proposed Noise Ordinance.

Any Other Matter

Michele mentioned that Carmen Battavio was given the PA Volunteer of the Year Award this morning.

Board Member Concerns

None

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, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary