

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2023**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 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
Matthew McGeehan

Others present were:

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

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Dan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked for a moment of silence to remember our fire fighters, EMT and Police. Dan thanked the firefighters for handling the fire in his neighborhood recently.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report

None

Tree City USA

Ashley watches the website to see when items may have to be done.

Educational Workshops

Dan suggested that the Board members think about ideas for another workshop possibly the end of September. Dan asked Matt if he would like to help with organizing this event. Matt agreed. There was discussion about ways to promote this event. As soon as a date is selected, the main meeting room has to be reserved. Some topics discussed were native plants, riparian landscaping, etc.

Old Business

1. KEGBD – Newsletter articles are due in July. Dan will write this article. Ashley looked into the cost of yard signs for this event and sent the information to Sandy.

2. Supplee Valley Preserve Planting – The recent long period of no rain was discussed.

3. Marydell Ribbon Cutting – This event went very well. The residents like the changes to the area around their pond.

4. Street Tree Ordinance – There was discussion about this ordinance. Karen mentioned that the East Goshen ordinance is not as complex as other municipalities. This has come to the attention of the BOS because of the number of trees the Public Works Department has had to remove.

Resident Russ Frank spoke about the current ordinance.

5. Beaver Dam in Supplee Valley Preserve – The beavers have been moved to another location.

New Business

1. Summer schedule - It was decided to meet in July and decide then about August.

Subdivision/Land Development Review

1. 1010 Hershey Mill Road – The copies of the plan were not adequate for landscape review. Dan mentioned that the property has significant slopes. Stormwater management was discussed. This will be reviewed again in July.

Liaison Reports

1. Municipal Authority – Walter mentioned that they are waiting for better weather to finish the landscaping at Hershey Mill Estates pipeline.

2. BOS - Erich reported that they discussed sewer rates. Walter explained that Dave Ware has developed a 10 year proposal for sewer rates.

Any Other Matter - None

Board Member Concerns

1. Blue Bird boxes - Dan mentioned that because of his health this year he was not able to clean out the Blue Bird boxes. He explained the process for cleaning them. Setting up a committee and getting volunteers was discussed.

Public Comment

1, Russ Frank, Marydell resident - He asked why the Planning Commission is not involved in the Street Tree Ordinance. It was explained that the Conservancy Board is only involved in maintaining the list of trees that can be used as street trees. The ordinance is decided by the BOS.

2. Eunice Alexander, Goshen Tree Tenders - Eunice mentioned that there are some trees in Clymers Woods that need to be pruned. This year's Arbor Tree should be watered regularly about 15 gallons per week. When she emailed about it, she was told it would be added to the list. She pointed out that the mulch around some of the trees is too high, and weeding should be done. The Goshen Tree Tenders will support the Tree City application if needed. She mentioned the American Chestnut Tree project and suggested some places where they can see lists of trees.

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, July 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary