

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2023**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 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

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 troops and first responders.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting were approved.

CRC Watersheds Association

Carly Lare, Executive director of CRC Watersheds spoke about riparian buffers. This Spring they planted 500 trees. They plan to plant another 500 in the Fall. She reviewed the Sample Planting and Maintenance Plan and Timeline for Applebrook Park. The plan is for 125 trees and the cost will be covered by Amerihealth. The Maintenance plan will be covered by staff of the landowner; i.e. East Goshen Township. If any trees don't make it, the landowner (EGT) is responsible for removing them. Walter spoke about Clymer's Woods, which is about 13 years old and doing very well. Sandy mentioned a warranty by the tree provider that would cover the trees after they are planted for about 1 year. Carly will ask about this. There was discussion about the area in Applebrook that they are considering. The Plan/Agreement has to be signed by the Board of Supervisors. Amerihealth has suggested a date in October (18 or 19) for planting. Carly explained how they determine the placement of the trees. Erich mentioned mowing by EG Staff. Sandy suggested that Carly give her presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman's Report

None

Subdivision/Land Development Review

1. 1010 Hershey Mill Road/Millstone Meadows – The Board members reviewed the Landscaping part of the plan. Reforestation listed 300+ trees but doesn't show where they will be planted. Matt mentioned that he found TBR (to be removed) on page 24. Street trees were discussed. The Board wants a revised, full size plan showing what is being removed and showing what species are being planted. They also want a representative to come to the meeting to answer questions.

Tree City USA

Ashley reported that nothing needs to be done.

Educational Workshops

Walter mentioned that there are a lot of dead trees on Reservoir Road properties. Karen suggested Bartlett who has arborists to come and do a session about health of trees and what to do if there is a problem. The Board does want to have a workshop this Fall the end of October/Beginning of November. Dan spoke about the process to get a speaker. He suggested riparian maintenance and rain gardens as topics. He mentioned that there are some trees and shrubs that are illegal. Karen suggested books by Doug Tallamy. Sandy mentioned how the beavers continue to return to the Reservoir Road open space.

Old Business

1. KEGBD – Ashley got pricing on signs that are on metal stands and double sided. Matt suggested a QR code on some in walking areas.

New Business - None

Liaison Reports – None

Any Other Matter - None

Board Member Concerns - None

Public Comment-

1. Eunice thinks identification of invasive plants is an important subject for the workshop. Tree Tenders is having online training 9/20 and 27 and 10/4. Cost is \$50. She sent the notice to Jason to get it in the newsletter. Proper planting and watering is so important for newly planted trees and for at least 2 years. Volunteers are so important to help with maintenance.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Walter moved to adjourn the meeting. Erich seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary