

**AGENDA**  
**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Biennial Planning Session**  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
6:30 PM

To Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89316966788>  
Meeting ID: 893 1696 6788

6:30 pm	Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
6:35 pm	Conservancy Board
6:50 pm	Municipal Authority
7:05 pm	Park & Recreation Commission
7:20 pm	Pipeline Task Force
7:35 pm	Planning Commission
7:50 pm	Environmental & Sustainability Advisory Council
8:05 pm	Board of Supervisors Recap and Closing Remarks

## **East Goshen Conservancy Board**

### **Mission Statement**

Protect and nurture East Goshen's natural resources and educate East Goshen citizens of their importance.

### **2023 Accomplishments**

1. Managed a successful Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day on April 22, 2023.
2. Observance of Arbor Day on April 22, 2023.
3. Continued maintenance of Clymer's Wood's
4. Continued maintenance of blue bird boxes in Applebrook Park.
5. Continued work on application/renewal of Tree City USA application to Arbor Day Foundation.
6. Perform review and comments on various proposed Subdivision/Land Development in the township per Zoning's/Duane Brady's requests.
7. Planted trees at Supplee Valley Preserve and CRC Watersheds Association plantings in Applebrook Park.
8. Invasive species remediation as needed.
9. Conducted public education event on March 29, 2023 with presenters from Willistown Conservation Trust and Stroud Water Research Center
10. Informed the public about meaningful conservancy issues via contributions to the Township newsletter.

### **2024 Goals**

1. Manage a successful Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day
2. Continue maintenance of blue bird houses in Applebrook Park
3. Continue maintaining Clymer's Woods – replacing dead trees and reapplying mulch
4. Continue maintenance/enhancement of riparian buffer along creeks via tree planting.
5. Continue control of invasive plant species.
6. Continue to support Ashley Nowak in Tree City USA requirements.
7. Continue assisting with township water management projects as needed.
8. Plan Arbor Day event.
9. Encourage public awareness of the value and condition of townships natural resources through one evening educational presentation, "We All Live Upstream" and one weekend public walkabout presentation through Applebrook Park.
10. Continue to inform the public about meaningful conservancy issues via the Township newsletter and look to increase social media presence.
11. Continue pursuing joint events with significant others like Willistown Conservation Trust.

## **East Goshen Municipal Authority – 2024 Goals**

### **Responsibilities**

The Municipal Authority, which is a legally separate entity from the Township, is responsible for financing the construction, expansion, monitoring, and upgrade of the Township's sewage collection and treatment infrastructure.

### **Municipal Authority**

#### **Authority Members**

Dana Pizarro, Chairman

Walter Wujcik, Vice Chairman

Jack Yahraes, Secretary

Carmen Battavio, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Cummings, Treasurer

Pennoni Associates, Engineer

Patrick M. McKenna, Esq.

Michelle Truitt, BoS Liaison

Dave Ware, Staff Liaison

Mark Miller, Staff Liaison

### **2023 Goals**

- 1. Continue to Operate The Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant (RCSTP) in compliance with PADEP permit requirements.** Met the permit and all requirements each month in 2023.
- 2. Continue to monitor the Westtown Way Pumping Station Improvements Project – Members will attend WGSA meetings as necessary.** Limited attendance at WGSA meetings by members. Project had equipment delivery delays. Dave Ware and Mark Miller monitored for MA.

- 3. Hershey Mill Estates Trunk Sewer Replacement – Award contract to low bidder. Complete construction of Hershey Mill Estates sewer replacement (sewer pipe and manholes).**  
Awarded and completed. Final construction cost came in at \$1,127,000 vs. cost estimate of \$1,542,000. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds of \$824,000 applied to construction cost by Township Supervisors. Local Share Account (LSA) Grant from The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) not available in time for critical infrastructure project. Significant support from Public Works.
- 4. UV (ultraviolet) Disinfection System Replacement – Complete the installation of the replacement UV disinfection system at the RCSTP after the current round of LSA Grants have been announced.**  
Project not completed in 2023 due to manufacturing schedule and several significant wet weather events that precluded startup of the temporary bypass system. All temporary and permanent equipment received. Set-up of temporary bypass electrical, mechanical and controls work installation initiated in December. LSA Grant from DCED not available in time for critical infrastructure project. Significant support from Public Works.
- 5. Supplee Valley Sewer Pipe Lining – Complete the lining of the sewer system pipes in the Supplee Valley service area.** Originally intended to bid the project in 2023; the project approach was modified because severe leaks were identified during the Chester Creek interceptor investigation and the budget was reallocated to further investigation and repairs of the interceptor. Applied for \$350,000 LSA Grant in 2023 for remainder of Supplee Valley pipe lining and Chester Creek Interceptor Phase 1 and 2 repairs. Significant support from Public Works.
- 6. Caustic Soda Project – Complete the installation of the new caustic soda feed system.**  
Completed the installation of the new caustic soda feed system. Startup was delayed due to tank insulation repairs and construction of an outdoor emergency shower (safety). LSA Grant of \$152,890 obtained in 2020.
- 7. Install new flow meters for the Ridley Creek Collection system – Install new flow meter near the Blacksmith Shop.** Installation postponed until 2024.
- 8. Continue to implement the I&I (Inflow/ Infiltration) Plan for the Sewer System –** Ongoing program by Public Works for cleaning and televising sewers looking for I&I and structural deficiencies. The focus was on the Chester Creek Interceptor in 2023. The Chester Creek Interceptor was fully TV inspected from East Strasburg Road to the Westtown Way Meter Pit. Only limited deficiencies and infiltration were identified in that portion of the interceptor. Manhole and lateral repairs by Public Works to address the deficiencies are approximately 90% complete. The contractor, Insituform, performed cleaning and televising of approximately 75% of the contracted sewers. LSA Grant Application submitted in November for Phases 1 and 2 (see above).
- 9. Continue to explore areas for potential extension of the Sewer System.** The goal was tabled in 2023.

## **2024 Goals**

- 1. Continue to Operate the Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant (RCSTP) in compliance with PADEP permit requirements.**
- 2. Continue to implement the Inflow/Infiltration (I&I) Program and Repairs for the Sewer System.** Supplee Valley sewers investigations underway by Public Works with lining and repairs planned in late 2024. Chester Creek Interceptor pipe grouting and cured-in-place pipe lining is scheduled to start in late February and be completed in March.
- 3. RCSTP UV Disinfection System Construction Completion.** The UV replacement is projected to be completed and operational in May.
- 4. Municipal Authority representative to attend West Goshen SA meetings.** West Goshen MA meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month at 6pm at the West Goshen Township Building.
- 5. Long Term Sustainability.** Continue development of 10-year sustainability plan and study sewer rates annually. Currently under development with completion by May.
- 6. Caustic Soda System Functionality –** Expected completion in March.

# East Goshen Parks & Recreation

## 2023—What a year in the park!



- ⇒ Opened new pickleball/tennis courts to rave reviews
- ⇒ Cut the ribbon on Milltown Park, our first “pocket” park
- ⇒ Carmen Battavio named PRPS Parks and Rec State Volunteer of the Year
- ⇒ 550 spots in full day camp program, sold out in six minutes
- ⇒ Department revenues were 110% of associated expenses
- ⇒ 97% of available park field time was booked April—Nov
- ⇒ Over 500,000 park visits between EGT and Applebrook Park
- ⇒ 100 families “howled at the moon” as a part of our first EGT Park Camp Out
- ⇒ Jess trained as Township Blacksmith and independently opened shop; one of two female blacksmiths in Pennsylvania (ABANA)
- ⇒ Resident Melissa Slifer wins inaugural Township-Wide Photo Contest
- ⇒ Supported “Stuff Santa’s Sleigh” “East HS Prom Dress” and “Cooperstown Little League” community initiatives
- ⇒ Junior Beekeeping program a smash success!



# East Goshen Park & Recreation Commission

## 2024 Goals



- ⇒ Host Township's first Memorial Day event on Monday, May 27; 2pm
- ⇒ Host PA State Pickleball Championships on Saturday, May 18
- ⇒ Utilize \$5,000 Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance grant towards Art Walk, Teen Film Showcase and Food Truck & Music Festival (no match grant)
- ⇒ Transition to finalized pickleball rules with 2023 "think tank" input
- ⇒ Assess current fee structures for field use, camp cancellations etc.
- ⇒ Assess park visit numbers via SOPARC or similar app (WCU partnership)
- ⇒ Change the weather pattern! In 2023, many of our big events had to move to rain out dates, and the Art Walk was a complete cancellation
- ⇒ Continue to develop relationship with Friends of East Goshen (FOEG). FOEG now has seven voting members, all of whom are active programming participants





# **East Goshen Township Pipeline Task Force**

## **2023 Accomplishments**

1. Continued to pursue external leak detection at valve stations for pipelines carrying hazardous materials.
  - Total of four valve stations (Adelphia, Williams, PECO, and Enbridge).
  - All are for natural gas pipelines.
  - Letters will be sent to pipeline operators requesting current status and plans once contact information is verified.
2. Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Draft Ordinance.
  - Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) will be a by-product of current “clean energy” initiatives involving hydrogen.
  - PTF conducted extensive research into transport of CO<sub>2</sub>.
  - CO<sub>2</sub> is a hazardous substance.
  - Distinct possibility that CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines will be proposed for EGT given recent announcement regarding funding for Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2) Project.
  - PTF developed this draft ordinance and submitted it to Board of Supervisors in November 2023.
  - Purpose of proposed ordinance is to protect health, safety, and welfare of township residents.
  - Ordinance places restrictions on location and operation of CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines within the township.
  - Ordinance is currently under review by BOS.
3. Monitored activities on existing pipelines.
  - With input and assistance from Township Manager, responded to inquiries from residents.
  - Following up on details of work by Adelphia Gateway on their natural gas pipeline near intersection of Eldridge Dr. and Rt. 352, just outside of the Bow Tree Development. Project involved electrical repair of cathodic protection, which is a critical system that protects pipeline from corrosion.
4. Proposed enhancement of PA One Call System (811).
  - In February 2023, an Aqua contractor was digging in pipeline easement near Goshen Village Shopping Center on Boot Road to work on water lines.
  - EGT was not advised in advance of these activities.
  - Have been other similar instances too.
  - The only practical way for EGT to receive prior notification of work in pipeline corridors would involve modification of the PA One Call System.
  - Working with State Representative Chris Pielli to draft legislation for this amendment.
5. Provided input to PEMA State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in April 2023.
  - PEMA = Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.
  - Review pipeline sections of current plan and submitted comments.



## **East Goshen Township Pipeline Task Force 2023 Accomplishments**

6. PHMSA-2021-0039 Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair.
  - Proposed new rulemaking from Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.
  - This subject is of great interest to the PTF.
  - PTF comments were posted in Federal Register 08/16/2023.
7. PHMSA-2021-0046 Safety of Gas Distribution Pipelines & Other Pipeline Safety Initiatives.
  - Another new notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).
  - Federal Register before the 11/06/2023 deadline.
  - PTF comments were posted in Federal Register on 11/06/2023.
8. Requested Mariner East 2 (ME2) Pipeline Construction Records.
  - Purpose is to determine if Energy Transfer complied with applicable pipeline design guidelines during their ME2 project in EGT.
  - Letter sent to PHMSA in July 2023.
  - PTF request is supported by US Representative Chrissie Houlahan.
  - PHMSA response (January 2024) is being evaluated.
9. Developing Pipeline Information Database.
  - Contains info like pipeline owner, pipeline name, contents, pipe diameter/size, operating pressure and emergency contact numbers.
  - Currently only for PTF use.
  - Eventually post on township website for public to view, if appropriate.
10. Published articles on pipeline topics in Township Newsletters.
  - Spring/Summer 2023: Blowdown valve on Adelphia natural gas line on Paoli Pike.
  - Fall/Winter 2023: County and State Hazard Mitigation Plans.
  - Upcoming: Hydrogen fuel production and resulting carbon dioxide pipelines.

## **East Goshen Township Pipeline Task Force 2024 Goals**

1. East Goshen Township Pipeline Incident Annex.
  - Being developed by Chester County Emergency Planning.
  - Specific annex for each municipality.
  - PTF will review and provide comments.
2. Continue to advise BOS on pipeline issues concerning EGT and its residents.
  - Monitor progress of (MACH2) Project and evaluate impact to EGT.
3. Continue monitoring activities involving all active pipelines in EGT.
  - Address concerns raised by residents.
4. Fill vacancies on PTF to achieve full staffing.
5. Continue to pursue installation of external leak detectors at all valve stations for pipelines carrying hazardous materials within EGT.
6. Continue to advocate for enhancement of PA One Call System (811).
  - Goal is that townships will receive prior notification of work in pipeline corridors.
7. Continue investigation of Mariner East 2 (ME2) Pipeline Construction Records.
  - Evaluate PHMSA response (January 2024).
  - Determine if Energy Transfer complied with applicable pipeline design guidelines during their ME2 project in EGT.
8. Continue development of Pipeline Information Database.
  - Post on township website for public to view, if appropriate.
9. Research hydrogen pipelines and evaluate potential impact to EGT.
10. Contribute to the East Goshen Township newsletters with information in easy-to-understand formats for the public.
11. Continue outreach and relationship building with elected officials at federal, state, and county levels.
  - Advocate for appropriate pipeline legislation.

**East Goshen Township Planning Commission.  
Report on 2023 Accomplishments and Proposed 2024 goals –  
March 12, 2024**

**Planning Commission significant accomplishments for 2023:**

- 301 Sorrell Hill Drive Zoning Hearing Board request.
- 301 Reservoir Road Historical Conditional Use recommended to BOS for approval.
- 1010 Hershey Mill Road Conditional Use Application recommended to BOS for approval.
- Applebrook Golf Club Land Development recommended to BOS for approval.
- 905 Airport Road Conditional Use Applications recommended to BOS for approval.
- Malvern Institution – Application on Hold.
- 14 Reservoir Road – Reviewed Sub-division application. On Hold

**Planning Commission Goals for 2024:**

- Complete review of the following pending applications:
  - 1010 Hershey Mill Open Space development application.
  - 301 Reservoir Rd Subdivision and Land Development Application.
  - 14 Reservoir Rd Subdivision Application.
  - 1344 Morstein Rd. Subdivision Application
  - 1338 Morstein Rd. Subdivision Application
  - The Malvern Institute Land Development Application
- Review East Goshen Township Comprehensive Plan for potential update.
- Review and update Planning Commission Bylaws.
- Develop a Planning Commission New Member Package.
- The Planning Commission has completed and submitted to the BOS a Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) Overlay Ordinance for the Paoli Pike Corridor (Comp Plan Objective 6.2). The Planning Commission shall support implementation of this TND Ordinance if approved..

ANNUAL REPORT for 2023  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Work Accomplished:

- Hosted 2nd SUSTAINABILITY EXPO at Park along with West Goshen SAC
- Participation in these Township Events: Community Day, Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day, Pumpkin Festival and Trick or Treat event
- Representation on the West Chester Green Team, the West Chester Area Clean Energy Future Committee and the Chester County Environmental Council
- Maintained Facebook Page for ESAC with postings multiple days each week
- Planted and maintained native plants in front of Township building at the entrance by the EGT sign
- Grant for lidded recycling bins for 3000 homes accepted and now distributed after recommendation from ESAC
- Resolution passed for reductions in single use plastic bags, straws and styrofoam containers
- Added 2 Youth Advisors to ESAC who are co-chairs of East High School Environment Club

Goals for 2024:

- Consistent with EGT's new resolution, offering relevant businesses stickers for their entrance doors asking residents to bring their own bags to shop
- Offering small reusable canvas bags to residents for use in small item purchases at places like CVS and WAWA
- Continued participation in most Township events
- Continued planting of native species in front of Township building according to a multi-year plan, to include a small pocket park in front of storage building with walking path
- After additional planting, planning workshops for children and adults on native species and their benefits in coming seasons
- Outreach to residents in multi-family dwellings to provide education on recycling, lowering electric costs and health benefits of fruit and vegetable planting in community gardens
- Possible 3rd Sustainability Expo focused on youth with organization under leadership of Youth Advisors
- Possible Repair Cafe event for EGT, bringing together skilled volunteers with those needing quick repairs
- Possible Antiques Review for EGT, bringing together local antiques company owners with residents ready to sell for a professional estimate on 1 or 2 items