

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2025**

The East Goshen Township Conservancy Board held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Members in attendance are indicated in **BOLD**:

Dan Flynn, Chairman

Karen Martynick, Vice Chairman

Jackie Ahlborn

Erich Meyer

Julie Ross

Sandra Snyder

Walter Wujcik

Others present were:

Derek Davis, Township Manager

Michelle Truitt, Township Supervisor

Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator

Eunice Alexander, Goshen Tree Tenders

Peg Frieze, Goshen Tree Tenders

Nada Neskovic, West Chester East Environmental Club

Russ Frank, East Goshen Resident

Christie McCormack, Hershey's Mill Nature Committee

Lauren McGrath, Willistown Conservancy Trust

Mary Krueger, ESAC Member

Ken Flanagan, ESAC Member

Seth Lengel, Resident

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 police, EMTs, and Military.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting were approved as amended.

Chairman's Report –

1. Dan introduced Jeff Bryer of Bryer Apiary (447 Reservoir Rd) who will speak on the state of honey bees in East Goshen. Here are some of the facts Jeff gave:

- 1/3 of our food supply is pollinated by honey bees
- Bees are taken out to California for a few weeks to pollinate almond trees
- Pesticides and chemicals are dangerous to bees. Farmers spray their crops with Roundup.
- Neonicotinoids insecticides are very bad for many living things. They are used in lawn chemicals.
- Bees like native plants. Dandelions are good for bees.

- Honey bees are from Europe. They arrived about 400 years ago. His bees are Italian.
- There are about 4,000 native bee species.
- Water is important to honey bees. They prefer water in pools, on streets, etc.
- Colony Collapse Disorder - In about 2006 a PA bee keeper was the first to discover this in the USA. Jeff lost 50% of his bees to this disorder. It is caused by mites that carry viruses. CCD is worldwide. There is a treatment now that effects the mites.
- The Chester County Bee Keepers Assoc. has 625 members and there are probably a lot more that don't belong. Jeff has 45 hives. This year the spring rain affected the amount of honey.
- Swarms can be hanging from anywhere. If you see one call a bee keeper.
- The bees cover about 27 sq. miles around their hive. Plant pollinator friendly plants. Don't use herbicides or insecticides on your lawn. Native bees are on the decline so planting good plants helps.

Peg mentioned that there are 437 native bees in PA. Doug Tallamy does a presentation on what he does in his backyard. Read his book.

Dan thanked Jeff for his presentation.

New Business -

1. Invasive species on Township Open Space - Richard Hankin and Ada Brainsky of 713 Jamestown Way (Clocktower) - Dan introduced Mr. Hankin and explained that he has done a lot of work on his property because he is concerned about invasive plants in the Township open space that his property backs up onto. Mr. Hankin explained that he planted native plants on his property because his property goes into the woods and he noticed invasive plants are taking over the woods. Ada described the invasive plants and trees, such as Ash, that have reduced the canopy of the woods. She suggested growing native trees to make a good canopy. Richard walked the Ashbridge Preserve where the Conservancy has planted trees. He has planted many plants and trees to repair the canopy. Peg mentioned that she just worked with Malvern to remove some invasives. They had about 50 kids from Malvern Prep to help pull out the invasives. The CRC was going to plant about 50 trees and shrubs where the invasives were cleared. They had a grant to help pay for it. Dan explained that the CB has been working on planting trees on the riparian buffers along the waterways. Ashley will ask Mark Miller to look at this. Mr. Hankin mentioned that Mark Miller was there in the Spring.

Old Business

1. PECO Arbor Day- Arbor Day will be Friday, April 24, 2026. Chester County and East Goshen has been asked to host this event. PECO will donate 100 trees. Some will be given away for free. Ashley spoke with a PECO rep who will contact her closer to April 24th.

2. Collaboration with ESAC - Julie mentioned that she spoke with Ken Flanagan of ESAC about a collaboration meeting. Ashley recommended having members of the group attend the regular monthly meetings instead of a separate meeting. She feels they will have to advertise a separate workshop.

3. Fall Planting - This will probably be a spring planting. There is only \$750.00 left in the CB budget. There was discussion about jumping worms!

4. Communication - Dan mentioned that the Instagram on yard raking was good. Karen wrote it.

5. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day - This will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Subdivision/ Land Development Review - None

Variances/Conditional Uses – None

Liaison Reports - None

Correspondence - None

Board Member Concerns – None

Public Comment. – None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Walter moved to adjourn the meeting. Julie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary