

VILLAGE OF INVERNESS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
OPEN MEETING

Tuesday May 14, 2019

Hershey's Mill Community Center

In attendance –

Boyd Mackleer, Tom Delaney, Janet Emanuel, Barbara Atmore, Wilbur Amand and
Janet Burgess

Refreshments and socializing from 7:00 to 7:30 PM

- I. **Meeting Called to Order - by President, Boyd MacKleer at 7:31 PM**
- II. **Welcome New Home Owners:** Maryjane Hahn is moving tomorrow. Boyd thanked her for all she has contributed to our Village over the years to include Landscape Committee and Zone mail delivery Committee. Maryjane introduced the new owner, Jean of her unit #700.
- III. **Minutes from May 8, 2018 meeting** – were unanimously approved.
- IV. **Election Results** – Janet Burgess announced that Barbara Atmore and Tom Delaney ran unopposed. The slate as presented was approved.
- V. **President's Report:** Boyd Mackleer
 - Walking Trails:** Hershey's Mill Drive past Woodshop to Garden to be paved and should be completed in about two to three weeks. The Garden Road will also be paved.
 - Pool:** There are new rules posted in the monthly HM Digest in reference to when Children are permitted in the pool.
 - New Bus:** To be available in early September. HM residents may rent the bus.
 - Elevator for Community Center:** has been delayed until winter of 2020
 - Emergency only bypass:** Cornwallis Dr into HM at Devonshire and the Oakmont Speed bump. This road is to be used only for emergencies.
 - Boyd Mackleer:** Will be stepping down, after completing his 3 year term limit, as President of the Master Assoc. on July 11, 2019.
 - Alternate Energy to Peco:** Boyd asked for a show of hands to see how many residents would be interested in finding out more.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report: Tom Delaney** spoke about snow assessment. Village budgets \$40,000 per year for wood replacement and we have used approximately \$29,000 so far this year. Our finances are in good shape. Question was asked in reference to roofs and Tom said we are replacing each roof as needed.
- VII. **Council Member Reports** –
 - Janet Emanuel** – Reported on township projects. (See attached)
- VIII. **Committee Reports** –
 - Architectural** – No report
 - Finance** – No report
 - Holiday Deco** – No report
 - Landscaping** – Barbara Poole thanked everyone for their patience. She said Mike Neal is going to give her a schedule of when work will be completed. She also encouraged residents to send her pictures of what they feel needed to be addressed. Barbara has also asked for more volunteer for the Landscape committee.
 - Light Bulb** – No Report.

Maintenance – No Report

New Neighbors – No report

News Letter - Boyd stated that he has heard from several sources that Inverness has the finest newsletter in all of Hershey's Mill. The committee stood to be recognized.

Social – Marge Brolly reported that the Ladies Luncheon will be on May 29th at McKenzie's, Ice Cream Social will be held on June 12th and Christmas Gala will be on 12/13 with a new caterer

Zone Delivery – Eileen Isselmann will be replacing Maryjane Hahn

IX. **Questions/ Answers** –

Recycling – Should we be putting plastic bags in the recycling bins? Boyd said that he understands that our trash contractor separates the recyclables at their facility.

Alarm system: Boyd asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to do battery replacements as needed in the village. If we don't get any volunteers then Dan Staler will replace batteries at an estimate cost of \$25.00 for the residents as needed.

Verizon: If you are being charged a 911 tax of \$1.65 on your bill you can call Verizon and explain that you are part of the HM bundle and they will adjust your bill.

X. **Meeting Adjournment – 8:45 pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Atmore, Secretary

Town Hall Speech 5/2/2019

(Assume Carole Rubley has introduced Mike Lynch and me.)

I am here to give you an update about what is happening in our Township because there are a lot of exciting things going on.

Paoli Pike Trail

In 2013, Chester County prepared a Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation Plan which included a trail section in East Goshen along Paoli Pike which will eventually connect with trails in West Goshen and Willistown. The ultimate goal is to be able to go from Philadelphia to Harrisburg on the trail system.

Shortly thereafter, EG created a Paoli Pike Trail Task Force, which I chaired. We wanted to get in early so we could benefit from grants before other Townships applied for them. So far we have gotten more than \$3,600,000 in grant money for the Paoli Pike Trail. If Mother Nature cooperates, sections F and G, the eastern part of the trail from Line Road to Route 352 will be constructed this year. Sections A and B from Airport Road to Reservoir Road are in the engineering stage. We are busy getting DEP and PennDOT permits as well as rights-of-way for sections C, D & E from Reservoir Road to Route 352. BRING MAP

We hope to have it completed in 2-3 years.

Town Center

Back in 1980 when East Goshen was mostly farmland, the Planning Commission was preparing a Comprehensive Plan and had long discussions about where our town center should be. We finally determined that it should be on Paoli Pike rather than Route 3, but it took more than 30 years to do something about it.

Last year we hired a consultant (Tom Comitta) to work with the Planning Commission to develop a plan for the area along Paoli Pike from Route 352 to Boot Road. Why now? Once the Paoli Pike trail is completed we expect to have more pedestrians and bicyclists in that area so we want to make

the town center attractive to them and profitable for our local businesses. And we want to do it without changing the character of East Goshen. Not Easy!

A new zoning plan for the area has moved from the Planning Commission to the BOS. It is currently under review and should see some action in the next couple months.

Auxiliary trails

When we first proposed the PP Trail, one resident called it a trail to nowhere even though it connected East High School and The YMCA to our park and town center. To make the trail even more accessible, EG created a map of smaller trails to connect various developments to the main trail. **INCLUDE MAP.** The planning for the auxiliary trails will be started once the main trail is in place. The proposed link from Hershey's Mill goes out the East gate, south on Rte. 352 to Highland Avenue, connecting to the park and eventually the trail.

Parks

Our East Goshen Park is a gem. Our new award winning playground draws children from our Township and beyond. Our Park and Recreation Department was designated the best in the state for 2019 by the PA Recreation and Park Society.

Community day is June 29. Please join us for grandchildren activities, food, music and fireworks. Our director, Jason Lang, has set up programs for all ages. In the past few years there has been participation by younger children and adults, but not teens. This year he started several "escape room" events to encourage them to use the park too.

Near the playground in the park is a butterfly garden with a variety of plants to attract butterflies and other beneficial insects. There are explanations of what is being done and places to sit and contemplate.

When DEP required that we take action on the Hershey's Mill Dam and the Milltown Dam, there was a lot of dismay. But with the help of residents in both areas we have plans to develop active parkland with water features. We have received \$1,500,000 in grants for the two projects. We expect to start work on the Hershey's Mill Park this year and we are doing permitting for Milltown, hopefully to start construction in 2020. PHOTOS

Environmental Protection

Environmental protection is a priority. A study of 6 Township owned ponds showed they were in various levels of disrepair. East Goshen has started a multi-year program to dredge and repair the ponds. A number of factors have led to these problems: storm water runoff from lawns and roads including various chemicals, lots of geese, too much sun heating the water. So in addition to the dredging and repair, we are adding riparian buffers to catch the runoff before it reaches the pond and to discourage geese. New trees and aquatic plants will add to the health of the pond. The hope is to avoid a recurrence of the problems. The first pond we are doing is Marydell and a committee of residents helped with the planning. Next on the list is Bow Tree I Pond.

Sustainability

Sustainability is the new hot topic in municipal planning. EG is recognized at the Gold Level in the Sustainable PA Community Certification program. We are the first one in Chester County. To achieve that level, EG had to show progress in community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls and internal management and operations.

Gold is not good enough. We want Platinum. To that end, EG has created a Sustainability Advisory Committee whose role is to study environmental, economic and social sustainability and make recommendations to the BOS.

In addition, the West Chester Area Council of Governments (of which we are a member) is investigating Renewable Energy Transition. Its goal is to

achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for all uses by 2050.

Police

Westtown and East Goshen have a regional police force. The contract with the police union ran out 12/31/18. Mike and I, along with Scott Yaw from Westtown spent considerable effort last year negotiating with the Officers. We came this close, but there were a few issues that we couldn't solve so it goes to an arbitrator in June.

Roads and Traffic

There is no question that traffic is increasing throughout the area even with more people walking and riding bicycles. Two areas in and around the Township that are problematic are Boot Road south of Greenhill Road and the intersection of Route 352 and King Road. We are working with West Goshen to restripe Boot Road to allow 2 northbound lanes between Wilson Drive and Greenhill Road with hope of alleviating congestion during the evening rush hour. We are working with East Whiteland to improve the King Road /352 intersection. Both projects are still in the talking stage.

Pipelines

Last, but not least Sunoco has restarted HDD work on the Mariner East 2 and 2X Project and Adelphia Gateway has initiated a plan to convert an existing oil pipeline to natural gas. Unfortunately, our jurisdiction over these projects is limited, although the Board has filed petitions to intervene in both of these projects. And we are currently having our engineer take readings to ensure that Sunoco complies with our noise ordinance. The Board, like a lot of our residents is frustrated with the length of time the Sunoco project is taking to complete ^{the project} and with the impact on our residents. We have a new Pipeline Taskforce which reviews the current status of pipelines in the Township, ongoing legal and legislative actions and safety issues and offers the BOS considered advice. Thank you. (open for questions)