

Goshen Farm Preservation Society  
Board Meeting, September 15, 2021

The February 17, 2021, March 17, 2021, April 21, 2021, and May 26, 2021 Meetings were held virtually and recorded by the Secretary) June 16, 2021 and July 21, 2021 Meetings were held at the CSCIA Main Room. The August 18, 2021, and September 15, 2021 Meetings were held via ZOOM.

<b>Called by:</b>	GFPS Board	<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Board of Directors
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Louis Biondi	<b>Recorder:</b>	Sharon Biondi
<b>Date:</b>	September 15, 2021	<b>Time: 7:30</b>	7:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Via ZOOM	.	
<b>BOD Attending:</b>	Louis Biondi, Roy Benner, Becky Benner, Sharon Biondi, Terry Brandon, Erik Wallace, Rose Mary Stocker, Barbara Morgan and Bob Nestruck		
<b>Members/ Guests Attending:</b>	Michael Robinson		

- 1) Call to Order and welcome of Board Members. President Louis Biondi called the September 15, 2021 Board Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The Meeting was held via ZOOM.
- 2) Lou requested changes or additions to the agenda from Board Members.
  - a) There were none.
- 3) Review of Minutes – August 18, 2021 Board Meeting
  - a) **Becky did not have a chance to review the Minutes. Becky made a motion to Table the August 18, 2021 Minutes until the October Meeting. Terry Brandon seconded. The motion carried.**
- 4) President’s Report – Louis Biondi (Report as submitted)
  - a) Lou stated that he had nothing to add to his report and asked if there were questions. There were none.
  - b) Lou introduced Member Michael Robinson to the Board. Mike was a former GFPS Board Member and Treasurer early in GFPS’s history.
- 5) Vice President’s Report – Erik Wallace (No report submitted)
  - a) Erik stated that he nothing to report for September.
- 6) Treasurer’s Report - Christy Folderauer (No Financial Report submitted)
  - a) Christy submitted an abbreviated Treasurer’s report containing a Balance Sheet for August 31, 2021 and the FNB Statement ending August 31, 2021. We will not vote to approve the financials until Christy has finished the reconciliation and input of data into the QuickBooks Accounting System with Sharon Smith’s assistance.
- 7) Committee Reports
  - a) Building & Maintenance (Vacant)
  - b) Communications – Barbara Morgan (Report as submitted)
    - i) In addition to the Communication Report, Barb reported that she posted the Fall Open House to various local Facebook pages. The I live on the Broadneck Peninsula

Page did not post the event as of September 14th. All other sites did post. Barbara will post the event in the Capital and Around Broadneck on Friday. Becky stated that the Around Broadneck Column was eliminated, and The Capital only prints small announcements of events on Sundays but needs several weeks' advance notice. Barb also posted on our Facebook page regarding the "active shooter" emergency on September 13<sup>th</sup> advising Members not to go to the Farm.

- c) Educational Outreach Committee - Terry Brandon (Report as submitted)
  - i) Terry stated that he wanted to add that he will be delivering several buckets of tomatoes and a bucket of peppers to My Brother's Pantry tomorrow afternoon. He has a plan over the next six weeks to convert the Hoop House into growing everything hydroponically. He believes that it will be more productive and less work!
- d) Events – Erik Wallace (Report as submitted)
  - i) Erik reported that Membership Appreciation Night Concert went very well.
  - ii) He has sent out the Sign-up Genius for volunteers for the Fall Open House scheduled on September 18<sup>th</sup> and the task slots are about 80% filled. Traffic Control and Merchandise Sales need more volunteers. Erik asked Barbara to do another MailChimp message identifying the areas we still need volunteers to cover.
  - iii) Erik asked Becky if the Cox Room at CSCIA Clubhouse is now available for our monthly Meetings. Becky stated that the Cox Room is now Ryan Anderson's office and will not be available to us. The Main Room is available to GFPS on the third Wednesday of the month through December. Becky is waiting for Mary Lamb to return from vacation to complete the annual CSCIA Recognized Organization form for 2022 and the sign-up for GFPS events for 2022.
- e) Financial Development - Lou Biondi (Report included in President's Report)
- f) Garden - Bob Nestruck (Report as submitted)
  - i) Bob had reported previously regarding Gardeners who were having health issues and the help that he and other Gardeners were giving to clean up those plots. Lou stated that he had gotten a thank you from Pat Furgurson for his "Get Well" card from GFPS. Lou stated that getting cards out to those GFPS Members who are going through rough times is important, but the Secretary needs to know about these situations to send a card.
  - ii) Bob mentioned that while Aaron Irvin was filming his video of the Farm, Pat Furgurson was tending to his Garden Plot. Bob did not know if Pat would be in the final edited video.
  - iii) Sharon asked about the new modem he has been trying to order from Broadstripe. Bob said that it has been frustrating working with Broadstripe on this, but he will continue trying to get a new modem.
- g) Grounds - Roy Benner (Report as submitted)
  - i) Roy reported that the John "Danny" Tester Celebration of Life is going to be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-6pm in the lower field. The family will have a 20' X 40' tent, two ADA portable restrooms and an ice cream truck for the event. They will also have several parking guides to direct cars to the lower field. Roy asked if GFPS was going to dedicate the tree in the Memorial Grove on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> event or at the Fall

Open House. Discussion ensued. It was decided that if the Mallons (Danny's daughter and husband) agree, the dedication ceremony should be on that day. Lou volunteered to do the dedication speech. Roy will contact the Mallons to discuss the dedication and get back to Lou with an agreed upon time for the dedication. **(Action Item: 467-09-21)**

- ii) Roy reported that Fran Bents and Chris Joss have worked hours and hours weeding all over the Farm and have carted the weeds away to the compost bin.
  - iii) Bob Nestruck and Larry Jennings did a lot of trimming around the Farm, and it looks a lot better. Bob stated that the new string trimmer works much more efficiently.
  - iv) Last Roy reported that Fran Bentzs was weeding her Garden plot when the "active shooter" incident occurred. Two police officers in riot gear approached her, told her what was going on and asked her to leave the Farm for her own safety. She was driving down the driveway to leave when she was stopped by a police officer who pointed a gun at her, asked her to get out of the car and identify herself. He then drove her car to the adjoining field and Fran was able to leave. She described the whole incident as "interesting". Roy stated that Fran had unlocked the gate. Roy will contact Corporal McClellan to see if our lock combination can be distributed to the force.
  - h) History & Research - Scott Powers (No report submitted)
  - i) Membership -Becky Benner (Report as submitted)
    - i) Becky was pleased to report that we have 210 Membership units as of September 13, 2021.
    - ii) Becky reported that she sent 7 new Member names to Shannon at Color Fire Media to add to our Membership MailChimp list. As Barbara will be sending another Sign-up Genius out for the Fall Open House, she asked Becky for these 7 names and emails and the 4 new Members from the Membership Appreciation Concert to add to the list. The names for the Sign-up Genius will be up to date.
  - j) Members at-large
    - i) Lou reported for Linda Paez who could not be at the Meeting tonight. Linda had reached out to Ms. Tresa Ballard at AACC regarding their Center for Service Learning. Ms. Ballard stated that they were planning a Martin Luther King Day event involving the community on January 17, 2022. Linda will discuss this at the next Board Meeting.
    - ii) Lou asked Rose Mary if she had anything to report. She did not.
- 8) Review of Action Items and Recurring Action Items
- a) **(Action Item: 441.03.21 ), Create a plan for a Goshen Farm Nature Play Space and email the plan to the Board for discussion; (Action Item:458-07-21), Contact contractor Dave Weir regarding the Bora Care application, ask about the sealing of the Farm House from weather. Have Dave Weir come up to the Farm and work up an estimate of cost for both issues; (Action Item: 459-07-21), Contact Shannon at Color Fire to create a way for Barb to send out cancellation MailChimp message immediately after decision to cancel an event; (Action Item: 461-08-21); Add signs that have a dog in a circle with a diagonal line through the dog to the Sharing Garden and the Henson-Hall Slave Gardens; and (Action Item: 462-08-21), Send out a Facebook post stating that**

**dogs should be on leashes and no dogs are allowed in the Sharing Garden and Henson-Hall Slave Garden.** were completed.

- b) Secretary will keep this in as a reminder for the Treasurer until the Board knows that this has been verified by the Treasurer. As relates to completed **(Action Item: 453-05-21)**, Lou reminded Christy that based on his research, GFPS's Treasurer will need to File a **Maryland Annual Update of Registration Form by April, 2022** but no later than August 2022 as we will have met the \$25,000.00 threshold when GFPS files taxes for 2021. Additional forms may need to be filed. A call to Charities and Legal Services Division at 410-974-5534 to verify this is recommended. The email is [dlcharity\\_sos@maryland.gov](mailto:dlcharity_sos@maryland.gov).
  - c) As relates to completed **(Action Item: 458-07-21)**, Lou will produce the wording for the RFP related to Sealing the Farm House and the Bora Care Treatment. He will get feedback from the Board on his draft. **(Action Item:468-09-21)**
  - d) As relates to **(Action Item:463-08-21)** Lou agreed to write the letter to Gloria Dei! Lutheran Church regarding cancelling the Fall Harvest Dinner and include a donation check from GFPS for \$150.00. Bob will still send the letter to Michael Galway and Anthony Clarke, co-owners of the Irish Restaurant Company thanking them for their support and letting them know that the Fall Harvest Dinner has been cancelled.
- 9) On-going Business
- i) Proposed motion to accept the contract from McCon Engineering on a sole source basis.
    - (1) Whereas the Goshen Farm Preservation Society, Inc. (GFPS) Board of Directors had been working with two professional and an Architect over a period of several years, beginning in 2015; and whereas GFPS Board had no success in reaching an agreement to provide support to the project referred to as the "Stabilization of the Goshen Farm House Foundation" from any of these individuals; and Whereas the GFPS has received a proposal that has been found acceptable by GFPS, the Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and Zoning Cultural Resources Division and the Four Rivers Heritage Area; and Whereas the use of the Competitive Bid Process called for in the GFPS Procurement Policy would jeopardize the completing of this project within the timeframe called in the Capital Grant authorized by the Maryland; and Whereas failure to complete the project will cause a grave financial hardship on GFPS; and whereas such a procurement is not prohibited by the Bureau of Public Works, the entity overseeing the 2020 Capital Projects Grant; **Barbara Morgan moves that the GFPS Board override its Procurement Policy and approve the signing of the contract with McCon Engineering. Becky Benner seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  - b) Fall Open House -September 18,2021
    - i) Erik summarized where we are on planning the Fall Open House. Although Rose Mary will not be attending the Open House, -Rose Mary has much of the event planned out. Rose Mary has sent this planning information to Erik. Rose Mary also sent Erik the list of what needs to be purchased for the food preparation. He forwarded this information to Sharon and she and Linda Beck will be shopping for

the food and condiments on Friday, September 17. As stated earlier, Erik has sent out the Sign-up Genius and about 80% of the volunteer slots needed are filled. Bob has asked and received baked goods for desserts at the food table. Erik feels we have enough pop-up tents.

- c) Discussion of the GFPS COVID-19 policy as it relates to students from AACPS, especially Enclave Students, and AACC - Terry Brandon
  - i) When Terry spoke with Jody Dawson, regarding the Enclave Students, she stated that she will not know which students have been vaccinated and cannot ask. Lou stated that we are following AACPS COVID-19 Guidelines for students coming to the Farm. If students are learning in an inside setting, they must wear masks. As pertains to students who are not vaccinated, students must be tested weekly. Terry will discuss with Brenda Jasper whether this weekly testing is being followed.
  - ii) Terry also brought up that he had 100 teachers from Broadneck High School who came to Goshen unmasked. Though all the activities were outdoors, when the teachers were sitting at the picnic tables, they were not self distancing.
  - iii) Lou stated that the Board has stated in the past that Committee Chairs can make decisions within GFPS guidelines regarding how to handle situations that they encounter. He suggested that Terry (Educational Outreach Chair) and his committee, Roy and Bob, discuss how they choose to handle students and teachers coming to Goshen Farm for educational programs.
- d) Review of the latest plan for creating the Nature Play Space at Goshen Farm – Terry Brandon
  - i) Discussion ensued. Erik asked for clarification on the location and Roy explained. Terry stated that he feels Stef Schwenk has gotten feedback from Members and has created a thoughtful plan. Lou had some concerns regarding the zipline and water wall. He believes we need clarification on these possible inclusions. The Board agreed that we are excited about this plan for the Nature Play Space.

#### 10) New Business

- a) Request for volunteers to review the Request for Proposal for sealing the Goshen Farm House – Lou Biondi
  - i) Lou again stated that he will be writing the Request for Proposal for sealing the Goshen Farm House. Lou asked for volunteers to review this Request for Proposal. Erik, Becky, and Roy volunteered for this review to be held on Zoom.
- b) Discussion of roles and responsibilities for activities related to the Summer Acoustic Concert Series (See list of tasks on the September 15<sup>th</sup> GFPS Meeting Agenda.)
  - i) Lou feels that before the 2022 season we need to get a group of volunteers on a list to assign tasks to prepare for the concert and tear down from the concert.
  - ii) Barb suggested that we need a schedule of tasks for the regular concerts and the Membership Appreciation Concert. Erik suggested using the Sign-up Genius.
  - iii) Lou suggested that Erik mention this list at the May 2022 Board Meeting when we have the Concert Series dates. Board Members could sign up for certain tasks for certain concerts. If need be, Sign-up Genius could be used to supplement.
  - iv) Roy suggested that the concert Series run June – August due to darkness in September.

v) Erik will talk with Scott to discuss all the above and bring this up at the May 2022 Board Meeting (**Action Item: 469-09-21**).

11) Review of New Actions Items from the Meeting

a) New Action Items were reviewed.

12) Comments from the Floor

a) Becky reminded Lou that he was going to try to set up a restaurant fund raising event at Brian Boru in October. Lou stated that he had hoped to choose a night when the Jazz Perpetrators was playing. When he contacted Karen Bailey, they had not set their playing schedule yet. Lou will call Karen again and then Brian Boru.

b) Lou mentioned to the Board that Cape Conservation Corp (CCC) is doing a fundraiser tonight at Broadneck Grill. Lou suggested that anyone on the Board interested could send CCC a check or on-line at the website.

c) Mike Robinson stated that Goshen Farm is a wonderful place, and he enjoys walking his new puppy at the Farm. He also said that he is willing to help where he can.

d) Becky stated to Barbara and Erik that Members with a comcast.net email address do not get mass emails. She has learned this from her work with the CSC Garden Club.

13) Adjournment

a) **Terry made a motion to adjourn, and Bob seconded. The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.