

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
January 3, 2008

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Marie Moore at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were: Bob Huebner, Ruth Scadding, and Phyllis Marron.

Others present: Frank Vattilano , Director of Recreation
Mark Miller – Director of Public Works
Bryan Delmonte – Conservancy Board
Sue Cioletti, Ben Rhorbeck – Historical Commission
Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ann Marie Moore called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Matt Kyne and Zac Moore are students at the Delaware County Christian School who were observing the meeting as part of the Civics course.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Huebner moved to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Phyllis Marron nominated Ann Marie Moore for Chairman. Ruth Scadding seconded the nomination. Ann Marie Moore nominated Phyllis Marron for Vice Chairman. Ruth Scadding seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed. Election was unanimous. Bob Huebner moved to reappoint Ruth Kiefer as Secretary. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Geocaching - Steve **Boyd** and his family explained this new hobby of finding geocache sites via GPS coordinates. Some townships and the state of PA have policies for geocaching. He wants to encourage the Board to institute a policy for the township. West Chester Borough has a simple policy. The state of PA has a more involved policy. The State has a master list of the sites on State grounds and someone to contact. He suggested that people be required to apply through one person rather than come to the Board. Frank asked Steve to put together a suggested policy that the Board could consider. He was willing to do this. They explained that geocache “meets” are meetings of interested individuals – it is not held at a cache site. They have seen 120 sites so far and haven’t seen any evidence of destruction of the areas around the sites.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Frank reported that the New York City trip went very well. The weekly classes for 2007 are done. He started a second water walking class at ACAC.
The most recent Applebrook agreement has changes from the last one. Frank will meet with the Golf Club Pro to be sure they both agree on the conditions in this agreement.
Awards – The Board of Supervisors discussed Frank’s idea to recognize donors at a BOS meeting. Donors giving \$500 or more would get a plaque. The BOS feels even the small donor should be recognized. The Park & Recreation Board discussed ways to raise the funds needed for the 4th of July event. Bob still feels a cell phone tower in the park would bring in dedicated income. The Park & Recreation Board wants to get advice from the Township Solicitor regarding a “Friends of the Park” vs. a township employee (Frank) raising funds. Another source of income would be to charge a fee per car. Next month each board member should come with an idea to raise funds.

Frank received a permit in his mailbox with no information on it, only 6 dates. No name, no group information, no telephone number, etc.

b. Mark reported that they are repainting goals, refinishing or rebuilding picnic tables, repairing a bridge, etc.

Trail along Line Road – The BOS wants Mark to get pricing on blacktop and woodchips. Mr. Belber at Applebrook Golf Club voiced concerns about possible injuries. Also, some residents at Applebrook are opposed to this path.

Bob mentioned that he received positive comments about the new paved path in Applebrook.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ben would like to donate a tree to be planted at the Blacksmith Shop. He heard there is a new strain of American Chestnut. He would like to put one in front of the Blacksmith Shop. Mark will look into this. The Board approved Ben's request.

7. LIAISON REPORTS

a. Conservancy Board – Bob said that Ginnie mentioned there are no recycling bins at any of the township parks. Mark said it was done only for large events but people still put things in the wrong bins. He will put one in the park this Spring.

b. Deer Committee – Bob reported that they will meet the 3rd Monday in January. They will give recommendations at the Township meeting Saturday January 12, 2008. Decisions will be made by the BOS.

c. Historical Commission – Ben said they have a new member, Dolores Higgins. Ben was reappointed to the Commission for 5 years. Some Commission members will participate as judges at the History Contest at Immaculata again this year. The Commission wants to name the historic area and would like to use "education" in it some how. Bryan commented that the Conservancy Board is also considering names for preserve areas in the township.

d. Planning Commission – No report.

e. Board of Supervisors – Phyllis said they approved the 2008 budget.

f. Conservancy Board – Bryan walks in the park daily and is glad to hear about the recycling bins. He walked over to the Growing Greener project on Reservoir Road recently. Some of the trees have pulled out of their protective cover and some are starting to lean over. He asked who is supposed to maintain these new trees. He was told that the Conservancy Board plants and maintains the trees at this project. There is a dead elm tree by the stone bridge in Applebrook. Mark will check into this. One of the Conservancy Board's goals for 2008 that Bryan will be involved in is to walk the Chester and Ridley Creeks.

8. OLD BUSINESS

2008 Goals and Objectives – The Board did a final review. Ann Marie did make some corrections. Bob feels that under Accomplishments for 2007, it should be noted that the Park & Recreation Board did research and gave recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the possibility of a dog park, on the tennis court keys, on the 4th of July event, and on Applebrook Golf outings. Ann Marie will add this in. She will also submit a calendar of events and Frank's 3-month event calendar.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bob Huebner made a motion to adjourn and Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be February 7, 2008. Frank will meet with permittees at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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