

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
February 7, 2008**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, February 7, 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, Phyllis Marron and Vicki Wooters.

Others present: Frank Vattilano , Director of Recreation  
Mark Miller – Director of Public Works  
Bryan Delmonte – Conservancy Board  
Sue Cioletti, Ben Rhorbeck – Historical Commission  
Thom Clapper – Board of Supervisors  
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.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bob Huebner moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2008 meeting as corrected. Phyllis Marron seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. Vicki Wooters abstained.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

Geocaching – Steve Boyd presented a draft of Guidelines for the Park & Recreation Board to consider for geocaching. In answer to some Board members questions, he explained that a cache is usually a small container with items in it to trade. These items cannot be potentially harmful, weapons, food or anything of value. Some may contain travel “bugs” (usually a small stuffed animal) or geo coins which have serial numbers and their travel goal is listed on the website. Micro cache is a very small container that may only have a strip of paper to sign. These containers are usually made of metal so they won’t be crushed. The process to place a geocache is to submit the location to the geocache website for approval. The reviewers limit the distance between caches, the minimum being 550 feet. All containers must be clearly labeled on the outside that it is a geocache. Steve said there are caches in Township parks now. He contacted some of the people who placed them to let them know about the possible adoption of guidelines. Thom Clapper would like a photo of the cache, description of the contents and photo of the location be given to the police department. When the Park Board accepts a policy, they should forward it to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Bob Huebner moved to accept the guidelines as presented with the additional stipulation that a picture of the cache, description of the contents and location must be included with the permit request. After the permit is approved, a picture of the cache at the approved location must be provided within 3 days or the permit will be rescinded. Vicki seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Fund Raising Ideas – Bob suggested the cell tower that was discussed before. Frank will contact all the businesses in the Township for donations this year. Thom suggested letting groups pay for a table to give out information only – no selling of product. Frank is concerned about the space that would be needed for this. Frank suggested having a raffle and selling tee shirts. Board members should bring more ideas next month.

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

Frank reported that the winter programs have had a good response.

The New York trip in May has 30 people. He needs 38 to pay for itself. He has reserved 2 buses for the New York Christmas trip but the cost of gas is causing a rise in the cost of the trip. He will have to charge \$50/person for the Christmas trip.

Soul Line Dancing is very popular. Insulation was placed in the wall between Conference Room 2 and the Main Meeting Room to deaden the noise.

Petite Soccer has one class full and a second class almost full.

Applebrook Golf – Frank met with the Golf Club Pro, who has a concern about the fact that our members coming

on Monday can use pull carts. This is when they are mixed in with the Club members, who can't use pull carts. Frank is concerned about the food since it is not really defined in the agreement. However, the Pro assured him that it will be hot food with a chef. The agreement calls for a Tuesday in June and September for East Goshen Residents. Each resident may bring 3 guests on these days. It also calls for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May when 4 foursomes can play. They must all be East Goshen residents. Tee time will be before 12 noon and registration will be first come, first served.

Permit – Frank received a request for a permit from the Nephcure Foundation. They want to have a walk fundraiser in the park. Several dates in September and October are mentioned. They expect about 150 people. Frank is okay with it. The Board had no problem with it.

The Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 15 and the Chamber is doing breakfast this year.

Frank had to leave the meeting to meet with permittees.

**Mark** reported that they built 12 new picnic tables.

They removed the tennis court rebound board wall and built a new one.

They cut and removed dead trees and Multiflora Rose and vines from around the trees at the park. They trimmed dead limbs from the large oak tree behind the rest rooms. Bob pointed out that the Conservancy Board is concerned that another invasive may grow back if this area is not maintained. Mark said they will put down grass seed and mow the area. Steve Boyd mentioned that he received a call from someone who had a geocache in one of the logs that were removed. This is another reason to have a list of the locations of the caches.

Mark received an email from Ann Marie about debris at the Mill Creek Park. They removed the debris and asked the police to patrol the area on weekends and at night for illegal dumping, which has been a problem at this location.

They installed a new pipe under the path at Applebrook so the water is flowing through it now.

He wants to replace a section of the old fence between the old and new tennis courts. It will cost \$2,373 for 120 feet of fence, 12 feet high with an additional center support. Phyllis moved to approve the purchase of the fencing at a cost of \$2,373. Ruth seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

The new pavilion was delivered. The YMCA will do the installation.

## 5. LIAISON REPORTS

a. Conservancy Board – Bob reported that Jane Fava did not get a grant from the Forestry Department for trees. The grant request was denied because it was not a national project. Ann Marie said Jane wants to meet to decide the locations for the YMCA trees and the type of trees we want. They should be planted in April. Thom said the Board of Supervisors approved the use of some of the trees in a gully on Airport Road by the YMCA. Bryan doesn't recall that any specific locations have been decided at Conservancy Board meetings. The Park and Recreation Board decided to meet at 6:30 p.m. before their next meeting to discuss this project. Mark will include copies of the maps showing potential locations in the packets for the next meeting.

b. Historical Commission – Ben reported that the Commission had a meeting on 1/10 and a workshop on 1/12 to work on planning their events. On March 15<sup>th</sup> they will judge the History Day competition at Immaculatta. Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is the first Living History Day, 11 am to 4 pm – they may start at 10am. They always need volunteers. Since the Blacksmith Shop was originally a wheelwright, he feels they should emphasize this more. A wheelwright did the woodworking on a wagon as well as the wheels. There are no grants to store the Conestoga wagon. The Historic Commission approved the planting of the Chestnut tree Ben wants to donate. Ginnie Newlin of the Conservancy Board suggested the same location that Ben wants to use. Mark will look into ordering the tree.

c. Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that the police contract is up this year. In 2002 their budget was \$2.5million. Now it is about \$5.7million and 80% is for salaries and insurance. The Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of 10 deer bait stations to put on Township property. They also approved mice tick tubes, which will be sold to the residents. Regarding the Line Road path, from E. Boot Road to the Carriage Houses, Belber will be responsible. The Township will be responsible up to Paoli Pike. The township will notify the residents of a meeting about the project. They will have to decide whether to make it wood chips or macadam. Bids for the Ridley Creek sewer plant expansion will go out in April and back in June or July. The cost is expected to be about \$10 million so rates will increase. This year commercial rates, which are based on meter readings, were adjusted. They are still considering residential rates based on meter readings but there are about

500 homes that are on wells and have no meters. Average Residential use is about 200 gallons per day. The District Court renovation is going well. The repairs the DEP wants made to the Hershey's Mill dam may be \$1-2 million. Letting it breach will cost about \$400,000 and the silt will have to be removed, which is expensive. The Deer Management Committee wants to set up an email on the Township website for residents to send questions. Mark Gordon is in training to go back to Iraq. This is his second deployment. The Board of Supervisors received a very complimentary letter from Suzanne Cruit about the parks. The Board of Supervisors added 3 new items to the goals list for the Park Board. Flooding in Marydell is being caused by an old pipe, which is too small. It may cost \$250,000 to replace it.

d. Planning Commission – No Report.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Bryan mentioned that there is a meeting about the grant process in PA being held at the Delaware County Community College this Saturday from 9-11 a.m. He and Jane are attending it.
- b. Bryan suggested that people go to the great backyard bird count website for more information about this event being held Feb. 15 – 18. He submitted an article for the Township newsletter but it will be too late.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ruth Scadding made a motion to adjourn and Phyllis Marron seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be March 6, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. After the meeting, we will stuff bags for the Egg Hunt.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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