

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
April 3, 2008**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Ann Marie Moore at 7pm. Other Board members present were Phyllis Marron, Ruth Scadding, Vicki Wooters, and Bob Huebner.

Others present: Mark Miller- Director of Public Works
Al Zuccarello- Planning Board
Sue Ciorletti- Historical Board
Ben Rohrbeck- Historical Board
Thom Clapper- Board of Supervisors
Frank Vattilano- Director of Recreation
Miranda, Julie and Cavan Redmond- residents
Bridget Lamb

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson 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 March 6, 2008 meeting. Phyllis Marron seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Egg Hunt- It went very well. Thank you messages were sent to Volunteers. About 300 people participated.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Frank: During report, Miranda Redmond, accompanied by her sister Julie and Bridget Lamb came into the room with Cavan Redmond. Frank presented the three young ladies with plaques on behalf of the Park and Recreation Board expressing appreciation for the work they did on the Fitness and Nutrition for East Goshen Township at East Goshen Elementary during the fall and winter months. Frank was Miranda's mentor for her project for the Governor's School of Excellence. Frank commended Miranda along with her assistants, Julie and Bridget along with the rest of the Redmond family. Pictures of the young ladies were taken with the Park Board. Frank reported that winter programs were finishing up. Over 300 people participated in winter programs this year and another 300 participated in the Egg Hunt. He thanked the Park Board members who volunteered at the Egg Hunt along with Jack Yahres of the Municipal Authority and BOS member Thom Clapper along with his wife Irene. We must make an adjustment on the Bunny costume. Frank will take it to a tailor after cleaning. Thanks to Mark Miller for his logistical assistance for the Egg

Hunt. The Give em Hell Harry at Winfield Hall in Hershey's Mill went extremely well.

Mark: The ball fields are ready for play. Installed red/green flags on pole at west side of Park. Public Works also repainted and resealed bathrooms at Park. Vandalism occurred in bathroom and at tot lot. Mark said auto-locks on bathroom doors would cost \$2300. Vicky brought up the idea of a camera. Mark said they are prohibitively expensive. Vicky said she never sees police patrols in the Park at night. Thom Clapper said if there is money in the budget somewhere, the idea of locks might be palatable. Mark said new fences and gates were installed on the tennis courts. They look good. Three new backboards were installed on the basketball courts. The new pavilion is being built. Mark will install an electrical conduit. A floor will be poured. The pavilion may be finished in two or three weeks. Ruth said the vandalism problem should be in the Newsletter. Vicki said dogs can be used to track vandals. Mark said fences have been installed around the ponds and deer tick tubes have been put at several locations. Some spring type toys are in need of replacement. He has some ideas for new items. The Park Board voted unanimously for paying the cost of replacing these items: \$1,915. Vicky complimented Mark on the new walking trails at Applebrook Park. Mark said there has been increased use of the trails since installation of macadam.

Bob: Conservancy Liaison- Conservancy Board had no problem splitting number of trees with the Park Board so they can be put at their respective sites. They suggested that the trees be planted in the fall. The Conservancy Board is doing a planting on April 19 off of Reservoir Road between 9am and 12pm.

Ben Rohrbeck from the Historical Commission- They are continuing to work on upcoming events. They had a display at Immaculata. At their next meeting, they will wrap up details for National History Day. A new activity will be having the children try on colonial costumes. Historical Board would like to put up informational flyers on the sign boards on the walking path. Frank suggested they do so on the sign boards closest to the Blacksmith shop and Plank House. Ben asked what happened to the map on the wall in the Blacksmith shop. No one knew. Sue Ciorletti from the Historical Commission wants to video a member of the Park Board as part of an informational piece. Ann Marie was nominated to do this and requested that Frank contribute. Ben wants to donate a tree in memory of his wife. The Historical Commission suggested that a street in Hershey's Mill be named "Sullivan's Grove". Al Zucarrello from the Planning Commission- Mentioned the significance of Sullivan's Grove in history.

Thom Clapper from the BOS- Deer hunts have been approved for certain areas in Bow Tree, Clocktower, Mill Creek, Grand Oak and a strip in Hershey's Mill for registered hunters. Walking trail will go from the prospective walking bridge on the east side of Applebrook Park and up Line road. Shirley Fox suggested making the path sandstone. BOS may go that way or it may be macadam and then woodchips. BOS will submit for a DCNR grant. Construction could begin this fall. On April 8 there will be an executive session for a police contract. There will be a police

Promotion Ceremony on April 15 at 8pm. There have been garbage complaints received. The problem seems to be an individual worker, not the hauling company. A portion of Rte 353 and Strasburg rd. is scheduled to be shut down in late April for work.

Al Zuccarello of the Planning Commission- 12 applications were submitted to the Commission. Included: YMCA is looking toward a traffic study due to swim meet traffic concerns. There is an application for a bed and breakfast inn from the people who own the house at the Clocktower. Problems for this application: that an operator of a bed and breakfast must reside at the property, also whether they can serve snacks and whether the road serving the property is suitable for this use. The Planning Commission will discuss it further next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. As stated above, there was a ceremony expressing appreciation to the Redmond family.
- b. Rick Smith requested that the Park Board give a progress report on the achievement of its Goals and Objectives for 2008. Frank submitted a proposed written summary of this. After review, Ann Marie told Frank to give the summary to Rick.
- c. Registration for Golf at Applebrook is on Thursday, April 17 from 7pm to 9pm. Registrations for the Youth Recreation day camp and tennis clinics are on Saturday, May 17 from 9am to 11am and on Thursday, May 22 from 7pm to 8pm. There will be a Volunteer Orientation meeting immediately following the Thursday registration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Ruth Scadding made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Phyllis Marron seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation sitting in for Ruth Kiefer.