

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
May 1, 2008**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, May 1, 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: Mark Miller – Director of Public Works  
Frank Vattilano – Director of Recreation  
Bryan Delmonte – Conservancy Board  
Sue Cioletti, Ben Rhorbeck – Historical Commission  
Thom Clapper – Board of Supervisors  
Jack Yahraes  
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 April 3, 2008 meeting. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Jack Yahraes thanked the members of the Park & Recreation Board for their continued support of the Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day. The board has had 100% participation since 2001. He suggested that the Board adopt a highway to keep clean. The Phelps School sent a group of students to help and they liked what they saw, so they are coming tomorrow to repair a split rail fence in the park for their community service project.
- b. Bob asked what part of the Newsletter is posted at the Park. Frank said the boards in the display case are warped so it is hard to get the paper in between the plexiglass. However, he posted the Park & Recreation section of the Spring edition.

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

**Frank -** Spring programs are starting. Petite soccer has 60 children and the parents are happy with the clinic. Vicki ran a Canine training program. Five people and their dogs attended and all five passed the test. The trip to New York City is scheduled for this Saturday. Frank is hoping for nice weather. The first spring Teen Scene Night had no response at all. Frank feels the reason is because there is so much going on in the Spring. The Winter event had 100 teens attend. Applebrook golf outing registration is going well. The first date in June has 3 times more than last year because the Supervisors negotiated in the agreement that East Goshen residents can bring up to 3 guests. Frank feels he will have 100 for June. Twenty had already signed up for the September outing. July 4<sup>th</sup> – Letters for donations have been mailed. Frank would like to have a VIP tent for donors with refreshments, t-shirts, and the opportunity to mingle with local and state officials. Chester County Night School contacted Frank to see if we want to partner with them. Frank is not interested because of the fees they want just to mention the township in their pamphlet. Also, Ruth Scadding pointed out that our programs are for residents only. Vicki said the night school needs to find other locations because the schools don't want them there. Frank noted that he also writes letters of recommendation for students who have worked with him. They need them for school or scholarships. He has written 20 in the past year

**Mark -** Tennis Courts will be done in the next 2 weeks. The utilities are done for the new pavilion. They still need to install seepage bed for storm water and some grading. There was some minor vandalism at the Park. The Bench Program is becoming popular. Sue has ordered 2 more this month and 2 people have asked for information. Bryan mentioned that the Reservoir building has writing spraypainted on it. He has been to the

pond at Chesterbrook and feels that the Reservoir could be just as nice.

## **5. LIAISON REPORTS**

a. Conservancy Board – Bob reported that the Board held their tree planting on April 19, 2008. A church group from Aston brought 15-20 people, which helped a lot. They planted about 90 trees. Jane Fava is supposed to meet with a forester to find out what is needed to reforest the Paoli Pike/Line Road area. Bryan registered East Goshen Park for a frog watch. It is sponsored by the National Wildlife Assoc. and our number is 6811. There are 17 different kinds of frogs in PA. The Spring Peeper frog has been commonly observed here during the Spring. A large concentration of frogs in East Goshen is located in areas by the “stone” bridge, including the detention basin, over Ridley Creek in East Goshen Township park at the entrance to Pulte housing development.

b. Deer Committee – Bob gave Mark signs to post regarding the sale of tick tubes at the Township Building. They also want to have a table at the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. They want to promote a healthier lifestyle by making people aware of deer ticks and lyme disease.

c. Historical Commission – Ben reported that, after several months of discussion, the Commission has outlined a long-range plan for the Blacksmith Shop area. They want to develop an education center and museum. The Township has some stone left from the stone wall on Rt. 352. So, the Commission wants to erect a stone wall along the culvert south of the blacksmith shop on Rt. 352 and a wooden fence. They want to show the different types of fencing used in colonial times.

d. Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that the deadline for the Summer Newsletter is May 9<sup>th</sup>. The grant application for the Line Road paving was submitted. They are still waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers report. The flowerbed near the District Court is done. The Timothy School is the oldest private school for children with autism. They want to purchase the IMB building across the street from the Township building. There will be 80 children and 52 staff members. The school will have about 28 vans to transport the children. Parents do not pick them up. There is plenty of parking front and back of the building. They will do additional landscaping and have a playground in the back. Kathy Glass, the Township Treasurer, passed away 2 weeks ago. The Township will start to look for a new treasurer. The Township is waiting for recommendation from a second company on the Hershey’s Mill Dam.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

a. July 4<sup>th</sup> – The raindate is Sunday July 6, 2008.

## **7. 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 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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