

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
June 5, 2008

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, June 5, 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: Rick Smith, Township Manager
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

Ruth Scadding moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2008 meeting as corrected. Bob Huebner seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. STAFF REPORTS

Frank – His written report stated that Spring programs are going well – yoga, aerobics, petit soccer and Italian received positive comments from participants. The May day trip to New York City went very well. The Volunteer program orientation was held on May 22. He had over 50 volunteers and about 20 parents at the meeting. The middle and high school children and parents were given our 2008 Day Camp manual. The Movie in the Park is set for Sunday June 8, 2008 – “National Treasure: Book of Secret Facts” rated PG starring Nicholas Cage will be featured.

Registration for the Summer Programs was held on May 17 and 22. We received the normal amount of signups for this time of year. Frank has a great staff lined up. All of the clinics for the summer are receiving interest and Frank expects to fill many of them. The Applebrook golf outing for June 24 is filled with 100 golfers registered, the most ever for one outing. Frank is taking names on a waiting list. Donations for July 4th Community Day are coming in slowly. Frank has enlisted the help of Rob Powelson of the Chamber of Commerce in getting donations. Deb Beury of our Finance dept. is helping with banks that the township does business with. Frank will send details about the July 4th event to the Board members. Sue Cioletti arranged an interview at Channel 20 in Hershey’s Mill during which Frank outlined the activities the Park Board offers. Information for the Summer Newsletter has been proofed and given to the printer.

Mark - His written report stated that the new pavilion and surrounding area will be ready for use on June 18, 2008. The pathway has also been installed. Barley Bales have been placed in the Mary Dell pond to control algae and will be monitored throughout the Summer. The footbridge at the ponds in Phase II of Bowtree has been rebuilt. They will need to make repairs to the concrete swale this summer. They are inspecting the bulletin boards the scouts made for the park and will make any necessary repairs. Two more memorial benches have been received for the park. Several other people have inquired about buying benches as well.

4. LIASION REPORTS

- a. Conservancy Board – Bob Huebner reported that Jane Fava was trying to get someone from the Forestry Service to meeting the Board at the Paoli Pike/Line Road location to advise them about what trees to plant there.
- b. Historical Commission – Ben Rohrbeck reminded everyone that this Saturday, June 7, 2008 is the Living History Day from 10 am to 4 pm. They can use any help you can give. He extended thanks to Jack Yahraes, Bob Huebner and students from Phelps School for installing a split rail fence. The township made repairs to the Blacksmith Shop and the Plank House. During this repair process, Iron ore stones were found in the wall of the Blacksmith Shop. A water line was installed and Jack Yahraes made an old-fashioned water pump. The Commission would like to get re-enactors for an event in the Fall.

Sue Cioletti reported that the tape that Channel 20 made of Frank is being shown on cable in Hershey's Mill and Wellington.

c. Board of Supervisors - Thom Clapper reported that Comcast is requesting approval to install satellite dishes on their building. The BOS adopted a resolution regarding mailed-in supenas. The BOS approved the Deer Management Committee's plan to use hunt clubs. The District Court renovation is on schedule and should be done by July 1st. Problems with the trash hauler are being addressed.

d. Deer Management Committee – Bob Huebner reported that the Committee will have a table at the July 4th event to give out information about Lyme Disease and deer accidents in East Goshen. Also, they plan to sell tick tubes there. The Park & Recreation Board members and Rick Smith felt this would be okay since it is a township ABC at a township sponsored event

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bob Burke, President of the Bow Tree Civic Association and Matt Killinger, Vice President, gave a report about the 5K race and 1 mile walk they have every Fall. This year it will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2008. Half of the proceeds are donated to the Goshen Fire Company and East Goshen-Westtown Police. They want to expand the event by adding a 10K race. It would start at the last entrance, go along Rt. 352 to the Blacksmith Shop, along E. Boot Road, into Applebrook, around the new loop and back to Bow Tree. This is the 20th year for the 5K race. They get about 100 runners for the 5K. Bob only expects about a dozen runners for this 1st year of the 10K race. They would be on the park property about 20 minutes. They will have a police car at the Bow Tree entrance on 352. They will have marshalls on Boot Road and a water stop. Besides access to the park, he would like to have the event announced on the township board on Paoli Pike, and a map of the path they want to use in Applebrook. Ann Marie said the main board could not be used to advertise this event. Bob Huebner had no problem with letting them put flyers in the signs in the park. Bob Burke commented that Mark has put out flyers for them in the past. Vicki Wooters made a motion to accept the concept of the run based on Frank's approval of a formal permit. Bob Huebner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

b. The Board discussed the outline of the request from the BOS for goals and quarterly reports. Ann Marie had input from Frank. She will wait for Mark's input before doing the report.

c. New Pavilion – Rick suggested having the dedication of the new pavilion in conjunction with the Pumpkin Festival, which will be held Saturday, October 18, 2008.

d. Bob Huebner outlined a suggestion for a project. Since there are more benches in the parks now, he thought it would be a good idea to put a nice, sturdy plaque near the benches outlining the history of the building or scenic vista they are looking at. For example, the spring house in Applebrook and the Ira Hicks Pavilion in East Goshen Park. The Board members agreed that this is something worth looking into. It will be discussed further at the August meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. July 4th – The raindate is Sunday July 6, 2008.

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 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be August 7, 2008. There is no meeting in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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