

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
August 7, 2008

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, August 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.

Others present: Mark Miller, Director of Public Works
Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Kathryn Yahraes, Ellen Carmody, Sue Cioletti, Ben Rhorbeck – Historical Commission
Thom Clapper – Board of Supervisors
Bryan Delmonte – Conservancy Board
Skip Carol - Resident
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 June 5, 2008 meeting. Bob Huebner seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pavilion Dedication –This event will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008, the same day as the Pumpkin Festival. After discussing the timeframe of the day, it was decided to start it at 12:15 p.m. after the Pumpkin Festival. Kathryn pointed out that the plaque for the Pavilion should read “Veterans’ Memorial Pavilion”. Based on the re-enactors that will be available, Kathryn thought someone could read a short description of the wars associated with the actors. Ellen will contact the re-enactors. She said they usually set up a display to go with the era they are representing. What is the policy for guns and black powder in the park? Can there be a 21-gun salute? Ann Marie will find out. For Taps and a bagpiper, Kathryn will contact the fire company. Frank will write invitations to the local dignitaries. The event should recognize all veterans and active military. For the emcee, Kathryn suggested Senya Isayeff who is a member of the First City Troop. The Historic Commission members will come to the September meeting of the Park & Recreation Board to finalize everything.

b. Line Road Path – Skip Carol, a resident and representative of Applebrook, residents, made a presentation regarding the planned path along Line Road. It is supposed to go from Paoli Pike to East Boot Road. He had visual drawings of the area. The residents are against a macadam pathway. Line Road is heavily traveled and speeding is common. The original easement given to the Golf Club by Willistown Conservancy is for a bridal path for limited educational and environmental use to go to areas of interest in Applebrook Park. It also calls for a wood chip path. To put a path in along the road in front of the Golf Club will be expensive, a lot of trees will have to be removed, there are several utility poles along the road, and the 3 entrances have concrete curbing that would have to be changed. As far as he knows no use or traffic studies have been done. The Applebrook residents suggest that the path go only from Paoli Pike to the PECO station. This area is flat. The homeowners would pay for a gate to end the path. They would also pay of an internal path from the carriage homes to the gate for their use.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Frank – Ann Marie complimented Frank on his Summer Program staff, which is very responsible and caring.

Frank tries to promote respect for others. He gets lots of positive feedback from the parents.

Fishing Clinic – Thom Clapper and Chet Darlington helped Frank with this event. Because of algae on the ponds, Mark and Frank went around the area looking for a pond with very little algae. There is none.

They used the #2 pond in Bow Tree. They had the best turnout yet. Everyone caught at least one fish.

Bryan reminded them about the Wilson Farm pond in Chesterbrook, which is aerated.

Next week several clinics start. The Applebrook Golf Outing for September is almost filled. The Cape Cod trip is filled with a waiting list.

4th of July – Frank complimented Mark and his staff for all the work they do. It was very frustrating postponing until Sunday. On Saturday, Frank went to the park and found that the stage was gone and the VIP tent was being dismantled. He told them that there was a raindate and had them put everything back. The turnout on Sunday was good in spite of some rain earlier in the evening. Bob Huebner feels some other vending items should be available.

The high school student that Frank mentored for the Governor's School of Excellence won special recognition for her program on fitness and nutrition. She was one of only three in PA to receive this honor.

Mark – The week after the Fishing Clinic, a storm came through the area. Mark got a call from Bow Tree residents that some fish died in the pond. He had them tested by a lab, which showed it was from the fertilizers used on the lawns around the pond that get washed into the pond.

Mark will be sure to give the Board copies of the monthly budget report that covers Frank's and his budgets.

Mark received a shipment of new benches to put in the parks.

5. LIASION REPORTS

a. Conservancy Board – Bob Huebner reported that the Board met at Paoli Pike and Line Road, where they want to put their share of the YMCA trees, with an open space coordinator from West Chester University. He suggested that the area will have to be mowed and maintained in order to keep down invasives. The Board is studying recycling and would like to have permanent recycle bins installed at the pavilions in the park. Weeds Inc. has made applications to control invasives at several areas. Landscaping at the Township Building and E. Boot Road has been given to the Conservancy Board to study and make recommendations.

b. Historical Commission – No report.

c. Board of Supervisors - Thom Clapper reported that August 26, 2008 bids for the sewer plant will be submitted. There are 31 contractors/subcontractors interested. The deer management program was approved. There will be 15 stations installed. The BOS is considering an ordinance about the times to put out and bring in trashcans. The Reservoir Road Bridge is being repaired. Regarding the Line Road Path, the BOS only approved submission of application for a grant. The materials for the path had to be modified from wood chips to wood carpet for the grant. The BOS wants other Park and Recreation Board members to write Newsletter articles besides Frank. Ann Marie told them it would start in January 2009.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bob had information about castings of signs with descriptions of vistas or historic information in the parks.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bob Huebner 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 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be September 4, 2008 and **will start at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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