

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
September 4, 2008**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Marie Moore at 6:30 p.m. Other board members present were: Bob Huebner, Ruth Scadding, Phyllis Marron, Vicki Wooters.

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Kathryn Yahraes, Ellen Carmody, Sue Cioletti, Ben Rhorbeck – Historical Commission
Thom Clapper – Board of Supervisors
Arthur Jones - 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. PAVILION DEDICATION

The planning session with the Historic Commission for the Veterans Memorial Pavilion dedication started at 6:30 p.m.

Senya Isayeff has agreed to be the MC for the day. Ruth Kiefer volunteered Dave Kiefer to take photos. Sue said Channel 20 at Hershey's Mill will post this event and let veterans know they are welcome. There will be reserved parking marked off for the VIPs. Matlack florist is donating the wreath. Everyone present agreed that the spelling of the name for the pavilion will be "Veterans Memorial Pavilion".

There was discussion about the name plaque. Everyone agreed it should be the same as the Ira Hicks Pavilion plaque. It will be 24" x 18". Pricing is \$625 for sandblast wood with gold leaf letters, \$520 for aluminite in bronze with white raised letters. There was concern about possible theft of the white raised letters, which are screwed onto the sign. Bob Huebner moved to get the sand blasted wood with white painted letters. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. She added that the sign company should provide a proof of the sign for approval. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed.

Musket drills will be an activity for children to learn about muskets. Special invitations will be sent to veterans groups and the VA hospital. Ads will be put in the Township Newsletter, on the Township website and Frank will put it on the park sign. The 21-gun salute has been approved. Ellen will check with re-enactors to see if they will do it.

The permanent plaque will be made of bronze. Ben suggested wording for it. Everyone agreed it should read "East Goshen Township recognizes the men and women who served our Country, less we forget". It was not decided what it will look like. Possibly in concrete or maybe on a rock base. The date of the dedication of the pavilion will be on this plaque.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arthur Jones, a resident of New Kent, is a regular user of the parks and congratulated the Board on the facilities. However, he is very concerned about the amount of Poison Ivy on the ground and in the trees. He has voiced his concern for the past several years. He feels the spray only kills the leaves and not the vine. He thinks the vines should be removed by a professional firm. Bob commented that the Conservancy Board contracts with an outside firm to control invasive plants. Mr. Jones is also concerned about trees. Some have been trimmed but he feels the park is maintained but not managed. There are 2 big oak trees by the restrooms that are starting to thin out and need to be fertilized, not allowed to finally die. His last comment was regarding bikes. He knows they are permitted in Applebrook, but more and more bikes are being use in East Goshen Park. Vicki agreed with his concerns about the bikes. Ann Marie thanked him and said she would pass his concerns on to Mark Miller

4. MINUTES

Phyllis Marron moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2008 meeting. Bob Huebner seconded the motion. There was no discussion or public comment. The motion passed. Vicki abstained.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Frank – All summer programs are finished. Each program made some money except 4th of July. The Township Yard Sale will be next Saturday, September 13, 2008. All the spots at the Township Building and the M&T parking lot are filled. The Newsletter is at the printers. He had to cut 2 pages because the number of pages is now limited. He gives a description of the programs and refers to the website for more details. 4th of July – Frank is going to meet with Linda Gordon to discuss fundraising for this event. The Board of Supervisors wants a letter to be sent to every business in the area. Frank will draft a letter. Bob feels strongly that a “Friends of the Park” committee needs to be formed for fundraising. Since the 4th of July is on a Saturday in 2009, the Board decided to have the fireworks on Friday, July 3rd with the raindate on Sunday July 5th. Frank will call it Independence Day Celebration. The September 30th Applebrook Golf Outing is filled and has 14 on the waiting list. Pumpkin Festival – Deb Beury has approached some local banks about donating to this event. Commerce would like to have a table if they give a donation. The Board was ok with this but doesn’t want them to give out food. Frank said a Cub Scout troop asked if they could sell popcorn at this event. However, this is a national fundraiser for the Boy Scouts. A vote was taken - Ann Marie abstained. Vicki said yes. Bob, Ruth and Phyllis said no. Frank needs a new CD player and Tent. Phyllis moved to approve up to \$150.00 for the purchase of a new CD player. Vicki seconded the motion. The motion passed. Vicki moved to approve up to \$150.00 for the purchase of a new tent. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mark - Bob asked if the list of trees were sent to the YMCA. Ann Marie will check with Mark.

6. LIASION REPORTS

a. Conservancy Board – Bob Huebner told the Conservancy Board that recycle bins would be placed at the pavilions.
b. Historical Commission – Ben reported that the plans for the Living History Day on September 20 are done. Ben has been working on the wheelwright part of the blacksmith shop. A local artist will be making a paper model of the Blacksmith Shop and will show children how to do it. Last Saturday he had his first blind visitor. The rail fence on the right side is done. Waiting to get the rails for the other side.
c. Board of Supervisors – Phyllis reported that they want the Park & Recreation Board to look at the access to Millcreek Park, which needs to be repaired. Thom Clapper reported that the school buses will park at the IBM building until it is sold. The BOS wants a monthly update on funding for the 4th of July so they can make a final decision in February. Thom reviewed the Email Ordinance with the Board. The BOS is reviewing the False Alarm Ordinance. They want to incent people/businesses to fix their alarms instead of paying fines. The BOS needs a recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board concerning the Line Road path.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Township Newsletter – Ann Marie needs a volunteer, besides Frank, to do an article for the winter newsletter.
b. Bob brought up his suggestion about castings of signs with descriptions of vistas or historic information in the parks. Vicki will look into this project.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Line Road Path – Thom said the BOS wants a recommendation to either pave the entire distance of Line Road from Paoli Pike to E. Boot Road or only part of it. A request for a grant was submitted and they are waiting to find out the results. The Park and Recreation Board recommended that, if Mark feels it can be done with the grant, the path should go the entire length of the Applebrook side of Line Road.
b. Ponds – Tabled
c. Goals and Objectives – Ann Marie will submit the update that is due by September 30, 2008.
d. Expenditures – The Board reviewed the Expenditures for August 2008.
e. Restrooms – Kathryn reported that she has received several requests for the installation of changing tables in the restrooms at the park.

9. 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 10:00 pm. The next meeting will be October 2, 2008 and **will start at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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