

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

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, December 4, 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: Phyllis Marron, Ruth Scadding, and Vicki Wooters.

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation  
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works  
Ben Rhorbeck, Sue Ciorletti – Historical Commission  
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. MINUTES**

Vicki moved to accept the October 2, 2008 minutes as corrected. Phyllis Marron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vicki moved to accept the November 6, 2008 minutes. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. STAFF REPORTS**

Frank reported that the New York City trip is filled. Originally he order 2 – 47 passenger buses. He later changed one to a 31 passenger bus which reflected the enrollments at that time. He now has a waiting list for the 31 passenger bus because people signed up late.

The same thing happened with Neighbor's Day scheduled for this Saturday, December 6, 2008. He had volunteers but no one applied for help so he cancelled. He just received a request and rescheduled the volunteers. The information for the Winter Newsletter is at the printer. Park & Rec was only allowed to have 4 pages for programs (we used to have 7-8 pages), so Frank put some of the programs and registration forms on the website. We will see how this impacts participation. The Pumpkin Fest survey will be on the website in a few days.

Mark reported that he aerated the ball fields, took down the nets on the soccer fields and replaced 2 foot bridges. The grant for the Line Road path was approved. We are still waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers about the bridge. Frank was talking to the person who is involved in approving the grants. He said the grant was written for a 4 foot wide path, but the path will have to be wider. Mark said the other paths are 8 feet wide. This will increase the cost. Arthur Jones commented that the area they cleaned out around the Spring House looks good. He also commented that, when it rains, the water collects in the middle of the Ira Hicks Pavilion. He asked if a squeegee could be available to clean this up. Mark said his crew checks on this when it rains.

**4. LIASION REPORTS**

Historic Commission – Ben reported that they reviewed the Hershey's Mill dam project. They also looked at the people that are available to do the Historic Impact Study. There is another option besides the 3 that have been discussed. That is to fill in the pond, let the stream flow over the dam, and reclaim the land for a park.

We need to select a date in may for the permanent plaque dedication at the Veterans Memorial Pavilion. Since May 16, 2009 is Armed Forces Day the Park Board members suggested that date.

Ben suggested that Frank bring the children in the Summer Program to the Historic Area for one of the field trips. Frank thanked Ben and explained that the parents often sign their child up for a week when they like the field trip. But, he will put this trip on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

Board of Supervisors – Phyllis read a report from Thom Clapper. A letter was sent out informing the residents of the very large increase in the sewer fees starting in 2009. There will be a meeting at the Fire House on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss this increase. The Board is borrowing money for 25 years at a fixed rate to pay for the sewer plant improvements. The Board was informed that the tax assessment for 2009 is down. Comcast presented plans for

landscaping along Wilson Drive. So far, 28 deer have been killed on township property, 6 on Applebrook and 12 on private property. According to the "Right To Know" rules, draft minutes are not to be shared with anyone other than board members. The Township is planning to have a food drive but no date was given.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

Goals and Objectives – The Board reviewed the draft of the goals and objectives Ann Marie typed up. A few changes were suggested. She will attach Mark's goals to the Park & Rec report for the Jan. 10, 2009 meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Expenditures report was reviewed. In response to requests regarding Verizon bills, Mark will check the usage of this phone in the East Goshen park. He will also check to see if the Township is required to have it there. The waste expenditure is for 2 dumpsters, which are emptied 2 times per week. In the winter there is only one emptied once per week. Frank said the pavilion is used a lot in the Spring and Summer. The Board will re-evaluate the fees to use the pavilion. The Board reviewed the Summer Program expenses. Frank voiced concern about the YMCA. Their program is \$100/week for ½ day program, \$200 for a full day. Our program is \$55/week for the ½ day. It will be interesting to see what impact they will have on our program participation.

Hunting Signs – Vicki feels signs should be posted in the parks warning that there is hunting in the area. Mark will look into the cost.

Applebrook Park sign – Because we allow Applebrook to put their Golf Club sign on park property at Line and Paoli Pike, Vicki feels we should approach them to help pay for the Applebrook sign. Mark said the Chamber of Commerce and residents in the Black Box (Comcast) should also be approached.

Tennis Courts – Mark reported that in 2002 the back courts were repaved with a premier surface. This cost \$70,000. Since then he has maintained the courts and they have been locked which keeps people on bikes and skateboards off them. In 2008, it cost \$5,420 to fill in cracks, etc. The cost to recoat (not resurface) the courts would cost \$22,000, which the Board of Supervisors will not approve. However, Mark said the courts are in very good condition and this can be delayed. The BOS also asked what this area could be used for besides tennis courts. Frank reported that we sold 180 tennis tags in 2008. It cost \$8.50 to get the tags made. We sell them for \$15 to residents and \$30 to non-residents.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ruth Scadding made a motion to adjourn and Vicki Wooters seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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