

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
January 8, 2009**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 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 Bob Huebner.

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works
Bryan Delmonte – Conservancy Board
Thom Clapper – Board of Supervisors
Al Zuccarello – Planning Commission
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.

Election: Bob nominated Ann Marie for Chairman. Phyllis seconded the nomination.

Ruth nominated Phyllis for Vice Chairman. Bob seconded the nomination.

Nominations were closed. Vote was unanimous.

Ruth Scadding moved to reappoint Ruth Kiefer as Recording Secretary. Phyllis seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. MINUTES

Ruth Scadding moved to accept the December 4, 2008 minutes. Phyllis Marron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Bob abstained.

3. STAFF REPORTS

Frank reported that the fall programs are done and the Winter programs have started.

Good Neighbor Day – 18 people participated and cleaned up a resident's yard. Frank thanked Mark for providing the tools to get the job done.

The New York trip went well. One bus had a heater problem – on the way up too hot, coming back no heat at all. Frank is talking to Krapft. He sent a letter of apology to everyone who was on the bus.

The Winter Newsletter is out. Ann Marie is disappointed that the Park Board was cut back to only 4 pages. She wants a reference to the Township website in BOLD type and at the top of the page. In Spring we will announce the Applebrook Golf Outings so Frank will put the basic information in the Newsletter and the rest on the website. Frank will be a presenter at the 2009 PRPS statewide convention at Hershey in March.

Frank's annual permit meeting will be at 8:00 pm Thursday February 5, 2009.

Mark – They started clearing off the post and rail fence. They did some bridge work at Alcott Cr.

4. LIASION REPORTS

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that they discussed recycle bins in the park and are concerned about plastic bottles. He told them where the bins are in East Goshen Park and Applebrook. Bob feels that people on the path don't throw trash along the path or in the pavilions or in the Tot Lot. Mark mentioned that they are not finding trash along the paths.

Historical Commission - Ruth Scadding reported that regarding the Hershey's Mill historic resource impact study, the mill is the historic resource not the dam. Kathryn contacted several companies for the study. At the Board of Supervisors meeting, several residents offered their assistance in this process. The commission evaluated the Living History Day. Thank you letters are being sent out to those involved in the Veterans Memorial Pavilion. Pictures are on the website. The dedication of the plaque will probably be in May near Memorial Day.

Board of Supervisors – Thom Clapper reported that they discussed the sewer rate increase, the budget was passed, no tax increase but may have a deficit for the year. The Charter School is interested in the IBM Building. Hershey’s Mill Dam seems to be cheaper to breach it than to repair it. However, Hershey’s Mill Estates residents are trying to raise funds to cover the difference, so a decision is on hold. A grant of \$58,600 was approved for the path on Line Road. The new Township Assistant Manager is Joe Gill.

Planning Commission – Al Zuccarello reported that the liaison for 2009 will be Peter Mylonas.

The PA Leadership Charter School is interested in the IBM Building. Nothing has to be done to the building, there is enough parking, there will be increased traffic on Thurs & Friday. They should have a traffic study next month. Ann Marie reminded Thom that the WCASD buses are parking there now to make transfers, etc., so another location will have to be found for this. They can’t park in the East Goshen Park.

TMobile wants to install a pole across the street from the Greystone on Rt. 352. They can’t use the PECO poles because they are only 34 ft. high. They need at least 57 ft and want 67 ft. There were lots of residents opposing it at the meeting. Tmobile will investigate another site. Their engineer said they would lose 15% of coverage if the pole was only 57 ft.

Sullivan Grove – This development is on hold because of the economy but everything is ready for them to start. Malvern Institute on King Street, a drug rehab center, wants to do some expansion but will require lots of special exceptions.

Chalfont sign – The owner hasn’t responded or attended any meetings so the Commission recommended denial. The sign must come down.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Goals and Objectives – The Board reviewed the draft of the goals and objectives for 2009. A line will be added in “Line Road Path Construction” and “continue to use the website to promote programs”.

Summer Program – Fees are covering everything but \$4,000. After discussion, Phyllis moved to increase the fee for residents to \$60/week and non-residents \$70/week. Ruth seconded the motion. There was discussion about family discounts. Ruth added the following to the motion – There will be a family discount for 3 or more children. Residents will pay \$60/week for the first child and \$50/week for all others. Non-residents will not get a discount. Phyllis seconded this. The motion passed. The Board will review other fees and permits and decide by March whether to increase them for Fall 2009 or not.

6. NEW BUSINESS
None

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ruth Scadding made a motion to adjourn and Bob Huebner 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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