

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
February 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, February 5, 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, Bob Huebner and Vicki Wooters.

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works
Ben Rohrbeck –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. MINUTES

Phyllis Marron moved to accept the January 8, 2009 minutes. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. EXPENDITURES

Frank reported that registrations are down for some programs. Aerobics down 25%, Learn to Skate down 50%, Italian Class – no registrations. He doesn't know if the lack of information in the Township Newsletter is the cause or the current economy. We only have 4 pages in the Newsletter so most programs are mentioned with more details on the website. Phyllis wrote an article for the next newsletter. Some aerobics nights were cancelled because of the weather.

Frank provided a list of the permits that will be reviewed at his annual permit meeting tonight.

He passed around copies of the results of the survey for the Cape Cod trip. Response was generally excellent.

Pavilion fees were discussed. Frank provided a list of the fees in surrounding townships. The current East Goshen fees are \$70 for 1-100 people plus a refundable deposit of \$35; \$120 for 101 and up plus a refundable deposit of \$60. Vicki made a motion to increase the fee for 1-100 people to \$85 plus \$40 refundable deposit effective April 1, 2009. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed with one no vote from Anne Marie. Vicki made a motion to increase the fee for 101 and up to \$150 plus \$75 refundable deposit, effective April 1, 2009. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed with one no vote from Anne Marie. Permits already approved will remain at the current fees.

Anne Marie said the \$500 donation to the Board will be used for the Egg Hunt or Pumpkin Festival.

Mark reported that the footbridge between the Hicks Pavilion and the Tot Lot has been removed for repair.

The large gazebo is being sanded and will be restrained. They will put it between the A & B ball fields.

Line Road path – The township received a grant for \$55,000. A decision by the Board of Supervisors will be made at their meeting either 2/17/ or 2/24/09.

Mr Jones pointed out that water in the center of the Hicks pavilion does not drain out. Mark said that when the weather warms up, the floor will be cut and a drain added.

Ruth Scadding reported that for 3 nights in a row, when she drove past the East Goshen Park, after dark, there was a car parked with its lights on.

Rick received an email from a resident in Marydell complaining that the springhouse is a mess. Mark said they clean out the trash and maintain it once a year. It is not graded so it is easy for anyone to get into it. He will get pricing to grade up the sides and put a mesh door on it. Ruth asked him to notify the Historical Commission.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any plans to put plants around the Applebrook springhouse where the tree was removed. The board is waiting to see how the bridge will impact the springhouse.

4. LIASION REPORTS

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that they are ready with their plan to plant the YMCA trees near the corner of Paoli Pike and Line Rd. Several Park & Rec board members thought these trees were being planted somewhere else. The Park & Rec Board asked Mark to stake the location of the path that will be installed in the area. Also the Conservancy Board must be notified that, if they plant the trees before the path is done, the work on the path may impact the trees. Bob reported that Ginnie is creating a plan for replacement of plantings on E. Boot Rd by the Plank House. Jane wants to be sure that people aren't putting dog bags in the recycling bins. Mark reported that so far they have never had this in the bins.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that the Commission has 2 new members. At the last meeting they discussed expenses and worked on goals. Things that are coming up: National History Day at Immaculata is on March 7, 2009. Images of America book has been approved. The Township will have 400 copies to sell. The Commission may have a special date for the sale of the books at the Plank House, maybe in April.

The Heshey's Mill Dam will be discussed at the next meeting. Dana Pizarro was a guest at the January meeting. The company he works for does dam restorations. He had lots of ideas for the Hershey's Mill dam but needed more information.

The Commission discussed the Armed Forces Day and agreed with the Park & Rec Board suggestion of May 16, 2009 to install the plaque. However, the plaque will be costly so both boards need to get donations for this project. Ruth Scadding suggested putting something in the newsletter.

Planning Commission - Ruth Scadding reported that the Cyber Charter School is looking to expand into the old IBM building across from the Township Building. There is concern as to where the WCASD buses will park. Anne Marie received assurance from Rick that the buses will park at the District Court.

Board of Supervisors – Thom Clapper reported that the goals are being reviewed and compiled to see how well they match the Comprehensive Plan.

Two voting precincts have been using the Township building for their polls. Since it is not big enough to handle both, one precinct will have to move to another location.

The Charter School has a lease/purchase agreement for the IBM Building.

Sewer plant – Pennsylvania has a program for providing funds for these projects. East Goshen is applying for this assistance. They have paid up to 50% in the past. The project is started.

The BOS is working on an email policy. The Deer Committee has two new members. We have a new Assistant Township Manager Joe Gill.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Park discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Anne Marie acknowledged receipt of information on the Friends of Oakbourne tree program.

8. 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 8:45 p.m. when the Board went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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