

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
March 5, 2009**

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

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
Mike Magnotta – Boy Scout
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

Bob Huebner moved to accept the February 5, 2009 minutes. Phyllis Marron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PROJECT

Mike Magnotta, a boy scout, introduced himself and described his proposed project. He is proposing to build a trail shelter along the Applebrook Park trail. People will be able to sit or get shelter from the rain. Mark showed the Board the plan. It will be on a deck with crushed stones under it. It will have a roof and seats. The proposed location is near the old bridge. Ruth wants the Board to have input on the final location. Mike wants to start as soon as possible. He will get pricing and bring the information to the next meeting. Bob Huebner moved to approve the construction of the trail shelter to be made of pressure treated wood for Applebrook Park. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures. Ruth asked Mark when the trash cost will increase. He wasn't sure but will continue the once a week pickup as long as possible. Mark explained the trees in Applebrook had some saplings that were attracting deer so he fixed them.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Frank reported that the Winter programs are doing very well. He commented about the Learn to Skate program for toddlers and how they progress, finally learning to skate. One computer class is filled and the second is almost full. The Flower Show trip had to be cancelled because of the snow storm on Monday. They will get a portion of each ticket back and they are trying to sell them. Petite Soccer is going well. Italian only had 1 registration. Information for the Newsletter was submitted. They are working with a new printer. Frank had to cut some program descriptions out because of the smaller space. In the past, he got free space in the WCASD newsletter. Since Dr. Elko is no longer there, he called Susan Carty because he thought there might be a problem. However, he also called the school district and they said okay. Frank met with the 2 Assistant Directors from the YMCA. They were very agreeable to working together on programs. He has not met the new Director yet. Frank is getting ready for his speech at the State Convention. His topic is "4 Things Every Recreation Director Should Be Able To Do". The AV equipment for the Summer Program was reconditioned. The Egg Hunt supplies are here and we will work on them after the next meeting. The Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 4 at 10 am in East Goshen Park. Rain date is Sunday April 5th. The permit meeting went well. However, the overall total number of nights is down about 10%. People are being careful and only requesting the time they actually need. He thinks they are not requesting raindates in advance.

b. Mark and Frank reported on Mill Creek Field. It is used mostly by Great Valley Little League. The original pathway expanded to a driveway. However, this was only approved for a walkway. It is actually on Synthes property. The chain is locked so they have to park on Goshen Parkway and walk about ¼ mile, which presents safety concerns. Mark reported that they called Synthes and explained the situation. Synthes will discuss this with their lawyer and call him back. It will not be hard paved, just driveable, using millings for vehicle access.

c. Mark reported that they completed the footbridge to the Tot Lot. They are cleaning up around the fence along the soccer field. Next week they will start to install fences for the geese. Bob commented that a large tree came down in Applebrook, and Mark's crew had it cleaned up in about an hour. Good job! Mark removed the information signs in Applebrook to have them repaired. Bob said there is a new sign in Applebrook. Mark will check it out. Art said there is a tree at the "v" in the Applebrook path that has a lot of dead branches. Mark will check it out. Also Art asked if the township would look at plans for plantings at the spring house in Applebrook. Ann Marie suggested he submit it to the Park & Rec Board.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Marydell – Ben reported that Kathryn and Delores looked at the "springhouse" in Marydell. He also looked at it. They aren't sure it is a springhouse. They are researching the history of that area to determine what house it was originally connected to. The roof is made of reinforced concrete, which is around WWI. The Historical Commission is concerned about kids going into it and getting hurt. They suggest some type of temporary fence be installed for now. They are sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors to have it secured.

b. Par Course – Tabled until the next meeting.

c. Fee Schedules – In January the Board of Supervisors passed the Resolution that contains all the fees for that year. Because the Park & Recreation Board requested an increase in Pavilion fees in February, this needs approval from the BOS. A memo dated 2/13/09 from Joe Gill requesting that the Board review all of their fee schedules and have a report ready for the BOS by March 10, 2009, was just received by the Park & Recreation members in their mailed packets. Thom said there is a copy of the resolution on the Township website.

7. LIASION REPORTS

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that the Board will not be planting trees on Earth Day this year. However, they will have a contractor plant summer grass at the Reservoir Road project. Ginnie Newlin is against mowing in Applebrook. Jane Fava pointed out that weeds and invasives will grow if you don't mow, so she feels mowing should continue. Mark said he is planning to mow once per month. If barley straw is going to be used in the ponds, the Board recommends that it be installed asap. Mark said he followed the instructions he was given last year. He also commented that the Fed Ex driver said this was the first time he delivered bales of straw.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that Dana Pizarro is a member of the Municipal Authority and a Civil Engineer who has done dam restoration. He attended a workshop in January then made a presentation to the Historical Commission. The first thing that has to be considered about the Hershey's Mill Dam is possible silt contamination. If there is contamination, the dam can't be breached until the silt is completely removed. It costs \$3 – 5 to remove 1 cubic yard then processing depends on the type of contamination. If there is no contamination, the silt has to be dried out in order to breach it. It can take up to 10 years for it to dry, which will effect property values. He is waiting for the DEP to provide copies of the studies they did to determine the dam wasn't safe. Things that can be done to keep it are 1) reinforce it and 2) lower the water level (the dam does have a valve). He advised the Commission to have the trees growing in the dam, removed now to show the DEP the township is serious. Dana will be at the April 24th BOS meeting to do the presentation.

Memorial Marker – They feel a member from the Historical Commission and Park & Recreation should do some initial research and pricing on this project. Historical Commission members would like to help at the Egg Hunt.

Planning Commission - No report

Board of Supervisors – Thom Clapper reported that the Email and Harassment policies were passed. The Board is hoping to move to water metering for the sewer fee. They plan to have a letter to the residents in April. The billing can be done by the Township. The Park Ridge permit is moving along. Ridley Creek sewer plant expansion is going along. The week of March 16th Line Road will be closed to traffic because 80 tractor-trailer trucks will be delivering the concrete blocks needed for the construction. A grant request was submitted to

replace the traffic lights with LEDs. The Leadership School made a presentation to the Planning Commission for the old IBM Building. The Line Road path has to be 5 feet wide. Rick has inquired if it can be paved. On 3/24 the BOS will make a decision. The Municipal Authority submitted an application for a State grant to get up to 50% of the cost for the sewer plant expansion. The National Bank of Malvern wants to put a branch where the old milk store was on Paoli Pike near Airport Road..

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ben said that because of the state of the economy at this time, all Museums will be open on Sundays for free.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Anne Marie acknowledged receipt of the following:

1. DCNR Partnerships Program Grants Application
2. 2009 Liaison List
3. January 2009 Park Maintenance Expenditures
4. National bank of Malvern sketch plan letter.

8. 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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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