

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
April 2, 2009

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, April 2, 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
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 March 5, 2009 minutes. Phyllis Marron seconded the motion. The motion passed. Vicki abstained.

3. PROJECT

Mike Magnotta had the plans for his project in Applebrook. He is ready to start this weekend. Mark Miller said it will cost \$2,800 for the wood. He needs a memo to the Board of Supervisors asking that this expense be taken out of the Capital Expense Account instead of Public Works budget.

4. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures. Pet Pickups – Vicki thinks people are taking them. Mark said they are put in all of the open spaces. Mark has seen people using the pay phone in the park. He will see if some of the cost is being offset by the users' calls.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Frank reported that the Winter programs are done. There was not enough interest for the Hershey's Mill lecture on "Supreme Court."

Egg Hunt – TD Bank donated \$500 and Mike Steinberg donated \$500. This covers all but \$300 of the expenses for the Egg Hunt. The bananas are from Genuardi's. The materials are here and ready to put together after the meeting. He wants to make a box of bags that have no nuts in the candy. He asked the board members to be there at 9:00 am. At 10:00 am Frank will introduce Anne Marie and Marty Shane. Then the Amerikids will sing. The Bunny should arrive at 10:15 am.

Newsletter - The Park & Recreation Board only has 5 pages in the newsletter. Phyllis kept her article small but Frank said the printer used a larger font so we lost space. Joe Gill is working on the website so there is a lot more information about the programs on there.

The May New York trip is half full. Petite soccer is full.

YMCA – The Executive Director and 2 Associate Directors are all new. Frank has not had a meeting with them yet. The YMCA is having a family day at the park on April 18, 2009. It is for YMCA members and they expect 200-300 people to attend.

Summer Program – There is an unfunded mandate that requires all people, 18 and older, in contact with children to be fingerprinted. The cost is \$36/person and there is only one contractor that the FBI will allow us to use for the fingerprinting.

Frank's presentation at the State Convention went very well.

b. Mark reported that the ball fields are ready and being used. They decided this year that, if it is raining very lightly, they will allow use of the fields. The red/green flag will still be used. The soccer field is in bad shape from wear and tear. He will let them use it this year, but may have to close it next year for repair. Hicks Pavilion – Regarding the puddles in the middle of the pavilion, he will wait until the late fall to take up the existing concrete and lay another floor. The cost will be about \$7,500. The tree Mr. Jones mentioned last month was taken down. The fencing for the geese program is up. Next year the township can apply to the state for assistance. The tennis tags will go on sale April 15, 2009. On April 22, 2009 they will need a tag to use the courts.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Am. Cancer Society – Frank reported that they are requesting use of the East Goshen Park for a dog walk on June 21, 2009. Frank hasn't received a permit yet. He told them they couldn't exchange money in the park. Vicki is concerned about the dogs and liability of an attack. She feels they should come to a meeting to answer questions. Ruth is concerned that this is a Saturday when others will be in the park. They feel the board needs more information. Frank said they are expecting 200 to 500 participants. This request was unanimously denied by the Board. Ruth feels that anyone asking for an event like this must present a proposal to the Board and attend a meeting to answer questions

7. LIASION REPORTS

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that the Board plans to plant 16 trees along E. Boot Road. They will not effective the sightline.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that the Historical Commission is looking for funding for the Hershey's Mill dam. Linda Gordon is giving the royalties from the book to the township. It goes on sale in May for \$21.99. The township will get 40% of the sales. Regarding the "spring house" in Marydell, they have contacted the County Historic commission and are contacting long time residents but have nothing definite yet. Dana Pizarro is a member of the Municipal Authority and a Civil Engineer who has done dam restoration. He gave a power point presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting showing the concrete spillway. The silt is not contaminated but is expensive to remove.

Planning Commission - No report

Board of Supervisors – Phyllis was present for the Hershey's Mill meeting and thought the presentation was very good. Regarding pavilion fees, they could not change the fees for this year. The BOS wants fees for residents, non-residents and corporations next year.

Municipal Authority – Mark reported that the concrete tank is installed (80 tractor trailers to deliver it). They advertised for a project manager. They are meeting tonight to decided who to interview.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Frank distributed copies of the park rules that are currently on the back of the permit. He will get a copy of the ordinance for the next meeting.

b. Friends of the Park – Anne Marie collected a lot of information from the surrounding townships on this topic. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

c. Arthur Jones presented a plan for planting trees around the springhouse in Applebrook Park. They are dogwood, cornelian cherry with yellow blossoms. The Board does not have funding for this. He asked if he gets a nursery to donate and plant the trees, can they put up a sign. This needs to be investigated.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bob Huebner made a motion to adjourn and Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and everyone stayed to help fill the bags for the Egg Hunt.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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