

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
May 7, 2009

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Phyllis Marron at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were: Ruth Scadding, Bob Huebner and Ann Marie Moore via conference call on phone.

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works
Ben Rohrbeck –Historical Commission
Sue Ciorletti – Historical Commission
Thom Clapper – Board of Supervisors
Arthur Jones – Resident
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary
Members of the Lyme Team

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Phyllis Marron called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES

Bob Huebner moved to accept the April 2, 2009 minutes. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. PROJECT

Kristin Bembino and Melissa Nejbauer, representatives for the Lyme Team, gave a presentation for the Board. The purpose of the Lyme Team is to provide education and prevention of Lyme Disease. Their proposal is to replace the stand in the East Goshen Park with a new one and a new poster about Lyme Disease. They would like to install a second one at the Tot Lot or baseball fields. They estimate the cost for both around \$550. They could also provide the labor to make the stands and fund the costs of materials. The Board thanked them for the presentation and told them Frank will be in touch with them.

4. EXPENDITURES

No report.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Frank reported that Petite Soccer and Aerobics are filled.

Summer Program – He met some new contractors that he likes very much and will be using them this summer. Registration for the Summer Program and the Tennis Clinic will be held on May 16 and May 21. The volunteer meeting will also be held on May 21.

The New York City trip went very well. The bus driver was great and every one was punctual. However, for the December trip, Frank will have to increase the fee. He prefers to leave East Goshen at 7am and leave New York at 7pm which gets them back here around 10pm. The bus company is charging \$75/hr for every hour after 12 hours. The Board agreed to increase the price and only reserve one bus.

Egg Hunt – This was the largest crowd ever. Frank isn't sure the Chamber would be able to handle a group this large. He still needs to meet the new Director and find out if they are going to underwrite the breakfast next year. If they don't, there won't be a breakfast.

Applebrook Golf Outings – The May outing filled 10 out of 16 slots. The June date is already at the minimum. The Pumpkin Festival will be held on Saturday October 17th.

b. Mark reported that they did an inspection of the Tot Lot and made a few minor repairs. They also started to install safety mulch.

Eagle Scout Project – Mike Magnotta met with the Board of Supervisors and was told that he would have to raise the funds for the project. He called Mark today and has all the materials and wants to start the project tomorrow. Mark said he moved the location slightly.

YMCA Trees – They should be here on May 11th. Flags are installed in Marydell marking the locations for the trees. The Conservancy Board installed the flags for their trees. Mark explained to Jane and Ginnie that the area he marked off for the path is larger because he will need the extra room to work in when the put the path in. The final width will be 8 feet.

Bow Tree#2 Pond – A bubbler has been purchased for this pond. Mark will notify the residents around the pond that he will be clearing out dead trees, etc. around the pond.

Plaques – Cost of plaques is from \$200 to \$2,000.

Dogwood Trees – Mr. Jones provided pricing for the dogwood trees he has proposed in Applebrook. It will cost \$125 for 5-6’, \$145 for 6-7” and \$275 for 8-10’ trees. This does not include the cost of planting.

6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

a. Lyme Team – The Board agreed the Tot Lot would be a good location for the second stand. They also want Mark to do the construction in order to keep things consistent. Ruth Scadding moved to approve the plans once the Lyme Team meets with Mark. Bob Huebner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

b. Park Rules - #17 of the Park Rules on the Township Permit Application has been corrected to read “All pets must be leashed and all owners are required to clean up after their pets”. This is what was discussed at a meeting but never changed on the permit. The Board approved this. Bob suggested that a “revised date” be inserted on the page. Frank verified that the fees on the permit are current.

c. Par Course – Tabled

d. New Agenda Format – Ann Marie explained that she thought a new format was needed. She discussed it with Marty Shane who agreed to try it. The Liaison reports are to be given by the Park & Rec member who is assigned the to other ABC. Additional comments can be made by visiting members from the other boards. Thom suggested adding Old and New Business under Item #5. The Board members were ok with the new format.

e. Township Newsletter – Ann Marie submitted an article for this next newsletter. Ruth Scadding will do the next one.

7. LIASION REPORTS

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that Mark Miller was at the meeting and the main discussion was the YMCA trees.

Historical Commission - Ruth reported that the main topic was their book. It will cost \$23 when purchased through the Township. They handed out postcards that had the cover of the book on it. There is a horse drawn buggy with a woman who looks similar to Linda Gordon. June 6, from 11am to 4pm is the first Living History Day. They wanted to know if the Park & Rec Board would want to co-purchase a printer. Ben explained that at Historic Sugartown Day, they took digital pictures of the children, which they could print out on this very small printer and sold for \$3 each.

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Supervisors – Phyllis reported that they discussed the Condition Use for the Charter School, plantings at Comcast, Resolution for PA Right to Know Law, HVAC bids were awarded. Blinds were installed in the District Court. Reviewed the Alarm Ordinance and Resolution for Fill Dirt. Thom said a decision for the Charter School will be made at the next meeting. Police negotiations continue. The comcast generator will be painted Bronze Brown. A Project Manager has been hired for the Sewer Plant project. Mark Gordon is back from Iraq. Fill dirt is available from the township for free. May 28th will be their planning meeting. The Malvern Institute withdrew their request. They approved a loan for the Historic Commission for their book, which will be repaid with proceeds from the sale of the book.

Municipal Authority – No report.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Mr. Jones asked if there is a limit to the number of signs allowed in the parks. He was told that signs are installed at the discretion of the Park & Rec Board.

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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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