

Agenda
Park and Recreation
Meeting
Thursday, August 6, 2009
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order(ask about anyone taping the meeting) /Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes-June 4, 2009
3. Review Expenditures
4. Staff Reports:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works

5. Items to be discussed:

A. Old Business:

- a. Pay phone at Park
- b. Definition of Active Park and Passive Park
- c. Budget – Park Fees

B. New Business:

- a. Vandalism at Park
- b. Conservancy Board member from Willistown
- c. Possible dedication of shelter built by Eagle Scout

6. Correspondence & Reminder of Article Submission Date

7. Liaison Reports:

Bob Huebner-CB
Ruth Scadding-HC
Phyllis Marron-BOS
Vicki Wooters-MA
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore-PC

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
June 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, June 4, 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 Vicki Wooters.

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
Michael Magnotti, Eagle Scout

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 May 7, 2009 minutes. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed. Vicki abstained.

3. PROJECT

Mike Magnotta completed the shelter along the trail in Applebrook Park. He presented a framed photo of the shelter and a thank you letter to the Board. He was able to complete the project in time to receive his Eagle Scout designation. The Board was very pleased with the project and thanked him for his efforts. Bob made a motion to purchase a plaque with his name and troop number on it. Mike thanked the Board but had already planned to dedicate the shelter to his grandfather. The motion was withdrawn.

4. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures. Mark will get information on the Verizon bill for the next meeting. There were no further comments.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Mark reported that they are busy cutting grass. The Y trees have been planted in the park and other areas in the township. Some still remain to be planted for the Conservancy Board's project at the corner of Paoli Pike and Line Road.

b. Frank reported that girls' volleyball started this Monday. There was not enough interest in summer aerobics so he canceled that program.

Summer Program – He started orientation of the volunteers for this year. Almost 80 middle school and high school students have volunteered. He is ready to go, but not sure how the YMCA will impact our program this year. He asked all of the suppliers of the Township to make donations for the Summer Program. S & S Supply donated \$600 worth of equipment.

The May Applebrook golf outing had 12 of the 16 spots used. The June outing only has 4 foursomes left. We will probably have 100 participants for this outing.

We have a strong recreation group in Chester County. The last meeting of Recreation Directors was focused on requirements of those working with children. East Goshen will be doing the required background checks.

Permits are still coming in. July is the lightest month.

Frank is planning trips to New York City, Washington DC and a ghost tour of East Goshen in the Fall.

The 42 spots at the township building for the yard sale this Saturday are filled.

6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

- a. Applebrook sign – The possibility of a sign listing the park rules for Applebrook Park was discussed and approved. The Park Rules and Regulations were revised for Applebrook, which is a passive park. Mark will find out what the cost would be to update the sign in East Goshen Park to reflect the changes regarding pets.
- b. Update definition of active/passive recreation – This was tabled.
- c. Newsletter – The next deadline for articles is August. Ruth Scadding will do an article for this issue.
- d. There will be no July meeting. The August meeting will be devoted to the budget for 2010, which will include review of the fees.

7. LIASION REPORTS

Conservancy Board – No report.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that they were finalizing plans for Living History Day, which is this Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 11 am to 4 pm. They received the books and sold 50 so far. They cost \$23. There was discussion about the use of the Blacksmith Shop. Ruth Scadding reported that there were complaints about the trash groups were leaving behind and that the trash was not being picked up. Ruth said the blacksmith shop and open space was originally the responsibility of Park & Recreation Board. When the meeting room was added, it became the responsibility of the township. She told the Commission she would take care of this. She met with township staff. The township cleaning company will clean the room twice per week. Groups are eating there which is a concern that historic documents in the blacksmith shop may be damaged by rodents. Rules are posted in the room, which include no food. The township will post a new sign and enforce the rules. Ben stated that he always checks with Diane Degnan when a group wants to visit. He also usually removes the trash but decided to wait and see how long it would take before it was picked up. It was there for 3 weeks so he was glad that the problem has been addressed.

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Supervisors – Phyllis reported that they discussed the Boot Road improvement project. Lane striping, retiming of the lights and extra turning lanes were discussed, but no decisions were made. The next 4 meetings of the BOS will be at the Goshen Fire House. Trees will be removed from the Hershey’s Mill dam. A new Alarm Ordinance was passed. It requires a permit to have an alarm system in your building or residence. After 2 false alarms, the fines increase. The Township has received title to King George Court so we can now service it.

Municipal Authority – No report.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Mr. Jones reported that bikes on the trail in the East Goshen park are becoming a problem and asked if a second sign can be put in at the new entrance. Trees on Hibberd Lane need to be replaced, but Mark said Pulte is responsible for them. Mr. Jones suggested that an area in Applebrook be used for native grasses. Vicki explained that the project on Reservoir Road is a 3 year commitment to this type of area. He also suggested a designated bird area. He asked if the Board would be willing to have a member from the Willistown Trust come to a meeting to discuss what they are doing. The Board suggested the September 3, 2009 meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Phyllis acknowledged receipt of two public meeting notices.

10. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

- a. Ruth Scadding will not be able to attend the next Historical Commission meeting. Vicki will check. If she can’t cover the meeting, she will notify Anne Marie.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bob Huebner made a motion to adjourn and Vicki Wooters 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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7/28/09

To: Park and Recreation Board
From: Frank Vattilano
RE: Director's Report
August 6, 2009 Meeting

Programs: The summer program has had a great 5 weeks. The children are extremely well-behaved and the volunteers and staff have been outstanding. The YMCA has taken some of our kids from last year, but we may have an agreement pending with them that could help us out next summer. The Junior Tennis clinic is filled as was the Fishing Clinic. Many thanks to BOS member and our liaison, Thom Clapper and Chet Darlington for helping make the clinic a success. Mark Miller, Public Works Director has been great- he made sure the pond for the clinic was picture perfect and he has consistently made his equipment available to help the youth rec program kids have an awesome summer. Golf at Applebrook in June was a great success- almost 90 golfers enjoyed a great lunch and round of golf. Thank you, Phyllis Marron and Elaine Blair for volunteering, as always for that day. The addition of Joyce Tarsi, Administrative Assistant, helped keep the golfers from having to stand in a long line while signing in. The UK Soccer clinic and the Girls Volleyball clinic both went very well. Yoga continues throughout the summer. Our Equestrian program was a victim of the economy and instead of being filled as it has been every year, had to be cancelled. The Pre School Entertainment series on Tuesday mornings at the Park has been the best attended ever. It's been a great summer so far.

Progress: Registering children for the Golf Clinic and adults for Sept. at Applebrook along with the Total Sports programs. Am getting ready for fall programs and the fall newsletter. Have met with Bruce Griffin, Exec. Dir of the YMCA. He is personable and wants to partner with us for the good of the community for special events. We will talk further in August. Met with 4 organizations who applied for use of our soccer/football fields in the fall. There was competition for time on the fields but everyone left the meeting with their needs met.

Personnel: We continue to be blessed with good staff

Problems: Minimal

Permits: Many Pavilion Permits coming in for August and September. See Field Permit meeting above.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

July 29, 2009

To: Park & Recreation
From: Mark Miller
Re: June Monthly Report

As you know we have had several problems with vandalism at the restrooms. I contacted Great Valley Lock shop to get pricing for electronic lock system, conduit and wiring.

Restroom #1 - \$1,760.00 plus electrical

New Restroom \$1,956.86 plus electrical

I will contact another lock shop to get a second price.

The YMCA trees have been planted; the contractor and the Public Works Department are watering the trees. We put tree protection on all the trees.

Ponds: The aeration system has been installed on the Bow Tree pond. During the installation the pond was totally covered in algae. After installing the system the pond was algae free in 2 weeks.

We installed the barley bales at the Mary Dell pond. The barley bags have been changed twice. Unfortunately, the algae has taken over the pond. Pictures will be provided at the meeting.

We conducted the safety inspection of the equipment in the tot lot. Safe fall mulch was also put down at all the structures.

Allowing the soccer fields time to rejuvenate, worked well. Due to the heavy usage of these fields you may want to consider leveling the center island. This would allow you to alternate usage of the fields.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

July 29, 2009

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that East Goshen Township has been notified that West Goshen Township has received a Conditional Use application for a 128 unit senior apartment building which is proposed to be developed on the parcel next to the Goshen Fire Station on Boot road and Greenhill Road.

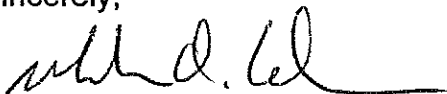
The West Goshen Township meetings for this application are:

Aug 17, 2009 (7 pm) - Planning Commission (Make a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors)

August 19, 2009 (4 pm) - Board of Supervisors (Conditional Use Hearing)

Pursuant to East Goshen Township policy, property owners and residents within 1000 feet of the subject property are informed of these applications. I have provided the public advertisement on the back of this letter for your information. For more information contact West Goshen Township 610-696-5266.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All East Goshen Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions
Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, West Goshen Township