

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
August 6, 2009**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anne Marie Moore 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
Bryan Delmonte – Conservancy Board
Thom Clapper – Board of Supervisors
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Anne Marie Moore called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES

Ruth Scadding moved to accept the June 4, 2009 minutes. Vicki Wooters seconded the motion. The motion passed. Anne Marie abstained.

3. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Frank reported that the Summer Program is going well. We did lose some children to the YMCA because they have a full day program. Frank met with Bruce Griffin, the new director, and there is the possibility that next year the Y may send a bus over to our program to take children to their program for the afternoon. The Annual Summer Camp Talent Show went very well. Those who attended it enjoyed it very much. Frank thanked Mark for all the support he and his staff have given to him this summer. The Fishing Clinic was a success with assistance from Thom Clapper and Chet Darlington. Golf at Applebrook had 90 participants. The September outing has 30 signed up so far and should have a good turn out as well. The Equestrian program was a victim of the economy and had to be cancelled. The Pre School Entertainment series on Tuesday mornings has been the best attended ever. There were 100 every week and one week had 200 attend. Frank suggested partnering with the YMCA in a fireworks program.

It was mentioned that the soccer league on Line Rd. had an event with overflow parking in East Goshen Park. This was never approved. Frank will write them a letter.

b. Mark reported that the new aeration system was installed in 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. The YMCA trees have been planted. The contractor and Public Works Dept. are watering the trees. Mark's staff put tree protectors on all the trees. They installed barley bales at the Mary Dell pond. The barley bags have been changed twice. Unfortunately the algae has taken over the pond. They conducted a safety inspection of the Tot Lot equipment. Safe fall mulch was also installed.

Allowing the soccer fields time to rejuvenate worked well. Due to the heavy usage of these fields Mark suggested the Board consider leveling the center island, which would allow alternate usage of the fields. Mark needs to replace several domes and baskets for trash along the trails and at the pavilions. He had 3 quotes for pricing. Bob Huebner moved to approve \$1380.00 for this purchase. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark reported the BOS has a "to do" list. He inspected the tennis courts. The front courts have some cracks, which can be fixed in-house. The rear courts are okay. Some sections of the fence need to be replaced.

6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Old Business:

1. Pay phone at the Park - Usage used to cover the cost of the phone but no more. The cost is \$80/month. The Board asked Mark to check with the Township Solicitor to see if there is a legal reason for the phone to be there. Vicki made a motion to remove the phone, pending approval from the solicitor, and find out if there is a free 911 call box that can be installed instead. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed, but Anne Marie voted no.

2. Applebrook Park is a passive open space with no organized events. Vicki feels Applebrook is a preserve. East Goshen Park is active open space because it has permitted organized events.

3. Budget/Park Fees - Frank provided a fee schedule for surrounding park facilities. The Board discussed the various fees. Vicki moved to increase the field use fee to \$17. The motion did not pass. The full budget will be reviewed in September.

B. New Business:

1. Vandalism at the Park - Mark presented quotes from Great Valley Lock Shop for an electronic lock system and wiring for both restrooms at the East Goshen Park. This is due to the problems with vandalism. Restroom #1 is \$1760 plus electrical and the new restroom is \$1956.86 plus electrical. He will contact another lock shop for quotes. The cost to clean the restrooms was at least \$1000. The Board would like recommendation from the police. Mark will get pricing on cameras for the next meeting.

2. Guest speaker – The Board decided that the speaker Mr. Jones wanted to bring from the Willistown Conservancy should come in October instead of September.

3. Shelter Dedication – The Eagle Scout wanted to dedicate the shelter he built in Applebrook to the memory of his grandfather. The Board wants to approve any plaque he may want to use and the Board would like to have a member attend the dedication. Mark will contact Mike Magnotta.

7. LIASION REPORTS

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that the seeds for the summer grasses at the Reservoir Road project have been planted.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that the Commission received a Certificate of Commendation. Gary Althouse is going to check the boundaries of the historic district since the cyber school is going in next to it. The “Images of East Goshen” book was for sale at the Goshen Fair. Updates on the Hershey’s Mill dam – Andy Dinniman got the DEP to come back and review the dam again. The use of the meeting room in the Blacksmith Shop was discussed. The Commission feels that any rules for use by the public of meeting rooms should apply to all meeting rooms. A fee/deposit was discussed.

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that the Deer Management groups that were in the program last year were approved for this year. Solar panels were approved for the township building and the public works building. Traditions presented a plan for senior apartments on a property next to the firehouse on Boot Road. There was a meeting about the Hershey’s Mill Dam today. They are hoping to get it reclassified so the repair may be less costly.

Municipal Authority – No report.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Bryan asked if there was any progress on the bridge and new trail in Applebrook. Mark expects it to be done this year. The Army Corps of Engineers okayed the project.

9. CORRESPONDENCE/REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

Ruth Scadding will have the article in by August 12, 2009.

10. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

a. None

11. 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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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