

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
September 3, 2009**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, September 3, 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 Phyllis Marron.

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
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary
Arthur Jones - Resident
Christopher Moore - Scout

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. MINUTES

Bob Huebner moved to accept the August 6, 2009 minutes. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed. Phyllis Marron abstained.

3. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Frank reported that all clinics are done. The golf clinic did not have as many participants as in the past, but many programs around the county were cancelled.

Frank has met with all of the YMCA management staff. He feels they will be a good partner in local events, i.e. 4th of July, parents night out, shuttle from our Summer Program to the “Y” for the afternoon, etc.

The Pumpkin Festival is October 17 (Oct. 18 raindate).

b. Mark reported that there is no requirement for a phone in the park. He contacted Verizon about an emergency phone, but every time it is activated, it will automatically go to 911, so the don’t recommend it. Bob moved to remove the phone at the East Goshen Park effective January 1, 2010. Also a sign should be posted notifying residents. Phyllis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board of Supervisors approved replacement of the fence at the tennis courts.

The estimated cost of 2 cameras at the East Goshen Park is \$10,000. The Board decided to wait on this.

Locks on the restrooms – Ruth Scadding moved to install locks on the doors of the new restroom this year and do the old restrooms in Spring of 2010. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Scout Projects – The Board of Supervisors wants a policy about scout projects. Mark provided two suggestions. Ruth moved to fund a line item in the Park & Rec 2010 budget for scout projects of \$2,000, not to exceed \$200 per project. Bob seconded the motion. Thom commented that the Girl Scouts also do community project. The motion passed.

6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Proposed scout project. Christopher Moore presented a proposal for a project. The first step would be to conduct a survey of residents at the Pumpkin Festival. The Board reviewed his sample and recommended that he include a question about bike usage at Applebrook. The next part of his project is to install mile markers along the trails in East Goshen and Applebrook Parks. He will also provide updated maps and legends. He plans to start this part next Spring. He estimated the cost at \$400. Ruth moved th

approve the project. Bob seconded the motion. Anne Marie abstained from the vote. The motion passed. The Board asked Christopher to bring the survey sample to the October meeting for review.

B. 2010 Budget - Board reviewed. Bob asked about small landscaping projects. Mark confirmed that \$500 was in the proposed budget for this item.

C. Newsletter Article – Ruth Scadding provided copies of her article about Frank – That Rare Gem.

7. **LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that they discussed the noxious weeds in areas of the township. He volunteered to speak to Jessie Benjamin, whom Jane said does plans to manage invasives. However, she hasn't contacted him yet. The Board of Supervisors wants a plan by October. Mr. Jones commented that Mark's staff has done a good job removing some poison ivy but there are still trees that have large vines growing in them. He agrees there should be a plan to manage it.

Historical Commission - Frank reported that the Chester County Recreation Directors Association will meet at the Blacksmith Shop on September 15. Ben has agreed to host the meeting and give his history of the Battle of the Clouds. Ben reported that copies of the Images book were sold at the Goshen Fair. The Board of Supervisors decided not to accept stimulus money to breach the Hershey's Mill Dam. Living History Day is September 19th, 11am to 4pm. Still need volunteers. The policy of use of the township meeting rooms is with the township staff. Ed Lendart has done a great job researching Hershey's Mill Village.

If you go to the Daily Local's website, life, announcements, plank house, they have videos about the blacksmith shop and the plank house. Sue reported that Channel 20 (Hershey's Mill) did a program about the dam.

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that Traditions is requesting a permit to build 128 apartments for seniors across from the new firehouse. This is in West Goshen however, East Goshen will be represented at the September 16 meeting at 4 pm at the West Goshen township building.

The Hershey's Mill was drained last week and took less than an hour. Trash days will be changed 1/1/2010. The property (house was razed) at 141 E. Center St., Milltown will go to sheriff's sale.

Municipal Authority – No report.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

a. The Board of Supervisors forwarded an email from resident Joseph Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane, to the Park Board. The board reviewed it and Anne Marie will respond to him requesting more specific details.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE/REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION**

10. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

a. None

11. **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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary