

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
October 1, 2009**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, October 1, 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, Phyllis Marron & Vicki Wooters.

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
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 September 3, 2009 minutes as corrected. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed. Vicki Wooters abstained.

3. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures.

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. Frank reported that the water walking for seniors at ACAC has started. There were 90 golfers at the Applebrook golf outing. They had very good lunches this year. Frank thanked Bob and Phyllis for their help.

Ben gave a very good presentation at the Blacksmith shop for the Chester County Recreation Directors. Their September meeting was held at East Goshen.

Pumpkin Festival – Sat. Oct. 17 (raindate Sun. Oct. 18 same time). So far, \$1,500 in donations have been received. \$1,000 from Beneficial through a contact that Deb Beury has there. \$500 from TD Bank.

Amerikids will be performing. Frank asked Board members to be there at 9:00 am.

The Newsletters went to the Post Office last week. Only a few people at the meeting received it.

At his next meeting with the YMCA management staff, Frank wants to discuss the following: 4th of July, parents night out, shuttle from our Summer Program to the “Y” for the afternoon, community swim, movie in the park.

B. Mark’s report stated that they continue to mow and he is removing poison ivy. The automatic lock system has been ordered for the Veterans Pavilion. The Board of Supervisors approved removal of the pay phone in the park

6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Proposed scout project. Christopher Moore returned with his proposed survey. He will do the survey at the Pumpkin Festival. After the data has been collected, it will be presented in reports using pie charts or bar charts. Suggestions from board members:

Have plenty of pens

Use clipboards for those waiting in line

If they aren’t a resident, ask where they are from

Change #8 to Applebrook Park

Put Eagle Scout Project at the top of the survey form

Christopher had preliminary drawings of the markers. They will be 3 ft. underground, 4 ft. above ground, 2 ft. from the edge of the trail, and there will be a total of 10 posts. He is asking for donations toward this project. He has received \$70 so far. Vicki suggested having sponsored mile markers and put a sign on the marker with the sponsor's name. Bob moved to defer the \$200 from the Park & Recreation budget line item for scout projects, which is pending Board of Supervisors approval, until January 2010. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed with abstention by Anne Marie and no vote by Vicki. Mr. Jones suggested putting something on the markers i.e., bird houses. Vicki would like to have the line item changed from "scout projects" to "special projects". Anne Marie will check with Rick Smith.

B. Weed Management Program – Bob met with Brian O'Neill of Weeds, Inc. Brian does weed management for the Conservancy Board. He gave an estimate to spot treat in May & June for purple loose strife and multi flora rose along the edge of the path in Applebrook and in the Wentworth wetland for purple loose strife only, and spot treat in July – Aug for phragmites. The cost would be 60 hrs at \$80/hr for 1 man, truck and chemicals. Bob feels this should be a line item in the budget. Vicki objects to spraying near water. Ruth wants more research. Phyllis and Anne Marie aren't sure about it either. However, Bob feels it should be in the budget in case the Board decides to do something next year. Frank asked the Board what standard they want for the parks...perfect with no weeds, natural? What does enjoyable mean? Thom mentioned that at a meeting of supervisors from surrounding townships, he asked if there was any interest in working together on this problem. A Westtown supervisor said there is a Land Trust Grant that they could apply for. It must be used by surrounding townships. Art Jones suggested getting in touch with West Chester University or Willistown Conservancy to get suggestions. Phyllis moved to put a line item in the 2010 budget for weed management not to exceed \$5000. Bob seconded. Yes votes were Bob, Ruth and Phyllis. No votes were Vicki and Anne Marie.

C. Newsletter – The deadline for the next Newsletter is November 10, 2009. Vicki will do an article.

7. **LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that the proposal for new plantings along E. Boot Road was not approved by the Board of supervisors.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that the Fall Living History Day was the biggest so far, by number of attendees (about 500 people) and number of displays. Michael Traines, a local artist, wants to do a series of paintings of historic areas. If he does and they go to prints/posters, he would donate a portion of the profits to the township.

Next year, Living History Day will be in June. The Commission is applying to be part of the Village tours in late July or August. This may be a first person event. There will be no Fall Living History Day because of a big event at the Brandywine. The Commission wants to know if the Board is planning to do a dedication of the plaque at Veterans Pavilion. After some discussion, the Board said no, since there was already a big dedication of the pavilion.

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that the Meter Committee says the metering of water/sewer usage will be ready Jan, 1, 2010. Traditions is requesting a permit to build 128 apartments for seniors across from the new firehouse. The Board of Supervisors is still working on an agreement with the Police. Approval was given for 103 parking spots at the proposed bank property on Paoli Pike for use by the YMCA. Chemicals have leached out at the Sunoco. DEP has required several wells to be drilled and tested. The township wants Sunoco to test residents' wells too.

Hershey's Mill Dam – A request for proposals for engineering work was sent out. The Board asked a consultant to see if the dam can be reclassified.

The Board gave the Malvern Library \$32,000 and Visiting Nurses \$9,000.

January 1, 2010 the trash days will switch, and then switch every 2 years.

Municipal Authority – No report.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. Anne Marie sent an email to resident Joseph Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane, requesting more specific details about his concerns. She has not received a response.

9. CORRESPONDENCE/REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

A. None

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

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