

Agenda
Park and Recreation
Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2009
7:00 PM

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

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works
5. Items to be discussed:

A. Pumpkin Fest

B. Bob's report

C. Natural Lands Trust Stewardship Assessment
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
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 abstentions by Anne Marie and 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 on dogs in the park.

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 55 apartments for seniors across from the new firehouse. The Board of Supervisors is still working on an agreement with the Police. 103 parking spots at the bank for the YMCA is done. 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 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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To: Park and Recreation Board
From: Frank Vattilano
RE: Director's Report
November 5th, 2009 Meeting

Programs: Programs are going well including aerobics, yoga, water walking, perfect 10, computer training and the petite soccer clinic. Our NYC trip registrations have filled one bus and we are working on a second bus. The Pumpkin Fest went very well in spite of the wettest October I can remember. The Park Board did a great job in helping out. Thank you!. A big thank you to Mark Miller and his Public Works dept. As always, Mark put his resources and expertise at our disposal whenever and wherever we need them. We cancelled the Ghost Tour and the Hail to the Heroes trips due to the fact we could not cover the costs with amount of registrations received.

Progress: I am getting the info ready for the printer for our winter 2010 newsletter. The YMCA wants to partner with us in doing more senior citizens programming. I will be meeting with some of their program directors very soon on this. We are working with West Goshen and West Chester departments on a spring trip to Cape Cod along with a Flower Show trip and Cherry Tree Blossom trip to DC.

Personnel: Doing very well.

Problems: The Post Office's distribution of our Fall Newsletter was less than stellar. It sat too long. The printer has told me the newsletters were delivered to the Post Office in a timely manner and has been trying to get to the bottom of why they just sat there for a time.

Permits: Fall use of Park facilities is winding down. It has been a wet season and the leagues are scrambling to reschedule their games with me.



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October 22, 2009

Rick Smith
Township Manager
East Goshen Township
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

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Dear Rick:

It was nice to meet you and the members of various East Goshen boards and committees yesterday. As I mentioned during our meeting, Natural Lands Trust recently received funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Education Grants Program to offer Stewardship Assessments free of charge to a select group of municipal landowners to encourage ecologically sound stewardship practices in regionally important natural corridors. We are pleased that you are interested in a Stewardship Assessment for Applebrook Park in East Goshen Township and we will be contacting you shortly to schedule a site visit.

A Stewardship Assessment serves as a guide to the natural areas on a site: what plants and animals live there, how the soils, water, geology, and land use history shape what you see, what issues may be impacting the natural integrity of the site, and how to address these impacts. The Assessment offers stewardship recommendations that are based on best management practices and our experience in the stewardship of Natural Lands Trust preserves. Our recommendations highlight approaches and techniques that will enhance the landowner's conservation priorities – whether they include improving the water quality of a creek, installing a walking trail, enriching songbird habitat, advancing educational opportunities, reducing maintenance costs, or simply providing a sanctuary that can be shared by wildlife and people.

On-site information for the Stewardship Assessment will be collected during a 2-3 hour visit by David Steckel and me. We encourage you and other representatives from the municipality to join us during this visit to discuss the conservation priorities for the property. We will prepare a 5-10 page report with photographs of pertinent natural features on your land and a description of key stewardship issues and opportunities. One copy of Natural Lands Trust's *Stewardship Handbook for Natural Lands in Southeastern Pennsylvania* (2008) will be included with the final report. We also offer municipalities either a final presentation or walk through the site once the Stewardship Assessment has been completed to review our recommendations and address any questions.

If this is agreeable to you, please sign in the space below and return this letter to me at your earliest convenience. We look forward to working with you in advancing your conservation priorities for Applebrook Park.

Sincerely,

Andrea Stevens, Senior Scientist
Center for Conservation Landowners

Accepted by: _____

Date: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

September 25, 2009

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Matthew and Christine Mullen have applied for Land Development Approval to construct a new home on their property at 1661 East Strasburg Road, West Chester PA 19380 (Lot 2, Ashbridge Farm, formerly 1645 East Strasburg Road.)

Pursuant to Township policy, surrounding property owners are notified of proposed Land Development applications. The public meetings projected for this project's review are:

October 7, 2009 - Planning Commission (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm) **(Presentation postponed until November Meeting)**

November 4, 2009 - Planning Commission (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm) **(Presentation of proposed Land development)**

November 17, 2009 - Board of Supervisors (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 8:00 pm) **(Possible Approval)**

All meetings and workshops are held at the Township Building are open to the public, and subject to change. The dates and actions of the Township are subject to the timely submission of complete plans and materials by the applicant. The applicant shall address all comments raised by the Township during the plan reviews, prior to approval. The plans are available for public review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: Township Municipal Authority, Boards and Commissions
Site Engineering Concepts (via email only)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY
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October 27, 2009

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Mark and Helen McGinley, 77 Dilworthtown Rd., Thornton, PA 19373, have submitted an application for a variance to the Township. The applicant would like to construct a single-family detached dwelling unit on his property at 19 School Lane.

The applicant is requesting a variance from the 20-foot minimum side yard requirement for the dwelling. The existing lot is only 50 feet wide so the variance, if granted would result in only a fifteen foot side yards.

The Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing to consider the variance application and decide whether or not to grant the requested variance.

The Planning Commission will review the application and make a recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board of Supervisors may, if they choose, take a position on this application. The public meetings for the project's review and potential approval are as follows:

November 4, 2009 Planning Commission meeting (7:30 pm - workshop at 7:00 pm)
November 17, 2009 Board of Supervisors (8:00 pm - workshop at 7:00 pm)
November 18, 2009 Zoning Hearing Board Public Hearing (7:30 pm)

All public hearings, meetings, and workshops are open to the public and they are held at the Township Building, 1580 Paoli Pike. The application is available for review at the Township Building during normal business hours. Any person who wishes to attend the hearing and has a disability and/or requires an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to observe or participate in the hearing, he or she should contact Joyce A. Tarsi at (610) 692-7171 to discuss how those needs may be accommodated.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (610) 692-7171, or email me at mgordon@eastgoshen.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: Mark and Helen McGinley
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