

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
November 5, 2009**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, November 5, 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, & Vicki Wooters.

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation  
Ben Rohrbeck –Historical Commission  
Sue Ciorletti – Historical Commission  
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary  
Arthur Jones - Resident

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**2. MINUTES**

Vicki Wooters moved to accept the October 1, 2009 minutes as corrected. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**3. EXPENDITURES**

The Board reviewed the expenditures.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Frank reported that programs are going well. For the New York City trip he has one bus full. There are usually two buses full at this time so he called the West Goshen director. The East Goshen trip costs \$45 and the West Goshen trip costs \$35. So, Frank feels we lost some people because of the difference in the price.

The Pumpkin Fest had to be postponed 3 times due to rain and was finally held on Sunday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. There were about half the usual number of people there, but it was a beautiful day and everyone had a good time. The Ghost Tour and Hail the Heroes trip had to be cancelled because of lack of participation. The newsletter will go to the printer on Wednesday. The last newsletter was delivered by the printer to the Post Office. However, it was not distributed by the Post Office in a timely manner. The printer is trying to find out why. Vicki will reformat her article on activities in the township parks so it will fit in the next newsletter.

B. Mark reported that the materials have arrived for the automatic locks on the restroom doors. The expense for Lenni Electric was to replace the lights at the East Goshen Park entrance, which were smashed by vandals.

**6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A. Natural Lands Trust Stewardship Assessment – Mark said a site walk of Applebrook Park is planned for Wed. December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Meet in the Chamber parking lot. Bob explained that Thom Clapper contacted the Natural Lands Trust. Their representatives, and Thom, Rick Smith, Bob, and Conservancy Board members, Jane Fava, Ginni Newlin and Bryan Delmonte, all met on October 21<sup>st</sup> to find out what the Trust could offer regarding invasive plants, etc. The Trust will get grant money to look at the invasive plants and wildlife in Applebrook Park. After the site walk, they will prepare a non-binding report in which they will give recommendations to the Township on how to manage these issues. The site walk will take 2-3 hours. Bob suggested that board members bring their ideas to the December meeting about how they want Applebrook to look and be used. Vicki moved to send the following in a letter to the Board of Supervisors: The Park and Recreation Board, with input from the Conservancy Board, recommends the township enter into a non-binding agreement, with solicitor approval, with Natural Lands

Trust to conduct a site walk of Applebrook Park and East Goshen Park and prepare a non-binding report on how to best manage these properties. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**7. LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that the Board of Supervisors approved \$300 for Wells to do a plan for new plantings along E. Boot Road. In return, Wells will put a sign there and at the township building, and a note will be put in the newsletter. The Conservancy Board is pushing for a 100 foot buffer, which Bob feels will only effect redevelopment.

Historical Commission - Vicki attended the meeting. They discussed the historic home on Paoli Pike across from the Sunoco gas station. A Doctor has purchased it and wants to put in an office. Ben reported that a reenactment group approached the Commission about the possibility of having a reenactment in the East Goshen Park. Overflow parking would have to go into Applebrook. Ben explained that Brandywine Park did not close and is being managed by a private group. The State still maintains the historic buildings. There will be no large reenactments there unless attendees pay to come. So, they are looking for other options in case they need to go somewhere else. The Commission also discussed the road they have adopted to keep clean. Ben reported that a sign they had on Rt. 352 was destroyed. They want to replace it, install a 2<sup>nd</sup> large sign, and replace two other small signs at the historic area. Ben wants to keep the wording simple.

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Supervisors – Mark reported that they met the last 2 Wednesdays to discuss the budget.

Municipal Authority – No report.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. Art Jones said that he supports the work with the Natural Lands Trust and feels it will be good to have a “master plan” for Applebrook. He will contact the Willistown Conservancy to see if they can attend the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to discuss Applebrook.

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

A. None

**10. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

a. None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vicki Wooters 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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