

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

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

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation  
Thom Clapper – Township Supervisor  
Ben Rohrbeck –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**

Tabled until next month.

**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. Neighbor to Neighbor Day was very successful. About 40 people participated and filled about 130 leaf bags and cleared fallen branches on the properties of 3 elderly residents. East Goshen Wawa contributed donuts and soft pretzels. Frank gave the Board a letter of thanks which was received from one of the residents.

Frank is still working with the YMCA on some small projects. They now told him their budget doesn't include funds to be a major partner in a possible community day.

Frank met with Hank Belber of Applebrook Golf Club and he has offered \$10,000 toward a Community Day fireworks event if the Board of Supervisors decides the Township can afford one. Since the total cost is about \$20,000, that leaves \$10,000 to be raised. Frank is working with fireworks contractors to try to get the cost lowered and will continue to search for other sources of funds for this event.

The Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry is unable to contribute to the Egg Hunt in 2010 due to fund-raising problems they are having.

**6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A. Willistown Conservancy Trust – Art Jones introduced William Hartman, Director of Stewardship for the Willistown Conservancy Trust. He gave a very informative presentation. The Trust was organized 13 years ago, covers 28,000 acres and has 6,000 acres of protected land. He covered topics about birding, riparian buffers and invasive plants. He explained the different programs they have to educate the public. He advised the Board to protect any high quality areas now and restore degraded areas later.

B. Natural Lands Trust Stewardship Assessment – The site walk in Applebrook will December 9, 2009 at 9:00 am. The raindate is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

C. Illegal parking – The illegal parking problem with the Soccer Club on Line Road has become worse this year. They were actually driving into the grassy area where the new YMCA trees were planted. The police issued 57 tickets at \$10 each but this was not a deterrent. Thom Clapper is going to recommend that the ticket price be increased to \$35. Westtown and Thornbury will have to agree to this. Thom listed some other options which included a fence, posts with yellow tape, or boulders along the road which will force them to park on the street. If they park on the street, the police can have them towed. There was a

meeting with the soccer club president and Willistown police chief. The soccer club president would only agree to notify East Goshen Township when they are going to have a big event.

D. Yearly Goals – The Board’s next meeting is January 7, 2010. All Board members should bring their ideas for 2010 goals. The annual ABC meeting is Saturday January 9, 2010.

**7. LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – No report.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that the Commission has requested to be on the Village Town Walk either July 15, 2010 or July 22, 2010. They have decided on the path for the tour.

They want to reduce the number of signs at the historic area. The sign on Rt 352 needs to be replaced. It will be a double-sided sign, however, there is a question about the height allowance. It has to be higher than the guardrail in order to be visible. In the historic area, they want to use a display sign which would point to each building, etc. instead of individual signs.

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that Traditions, a developer who wants to put senior housing next to the fire house on Boot Road, has agreed to decrease the number of units from 128 to 114 and the height of the building from 45 ft to 35 ft. However, East Goshen Township still has concerns about increased traffic, sharing the driveway with the fire company, and water coming across the road.

The township received the grant to replace the traffic lights with energy efficient ones. The Deer Management Program is going well although the number of deer harvested is less than this time last year. There is no contract with the police yet.

Municipal Authority – No report.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. None

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

A. None

**10. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

a. None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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