

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
February 4, 2010**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Phyllis Marron at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were: Bob Huebner, and Ruth Scadding.

Others present: Mark Miller, Director of Public Works  
Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation  
Thom Clapper – Township Supervisor  
Ben Rohrbeck –Historical Commission  
Sue Ciorletti – Historical Commission  
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary  
Arthur Jones – Resident  
Dr. Tom Sollecito and Peter Sollecito

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

Vice Chairman Phyllis Marron called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. MINUTES**

Ruth Scadding moved to accept the minutes from January 7, 2010. Bob Huebner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**3. EXPENDITURES**

The Board reviewed the expenditures for January 2010.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Frank introduced Peter Sollecito and his father. Peter met with Frank and Mark to discuss possible Eagle Scout projects.

Frank reported that programs are going well. The Spring/Summer programs have had no cancellations.

The trip to Washington DC for the Cherry Blossoms is full.

Frank attended a meeting that Marty Shane and Don McConathy set up the Rich Werner, Sr. Director at Comcast. Marty requested funding to cover expenses for the egg hunt, pumpkin fest and community day. Mr. Werner was very receptive. However, he must get approval from their Finance department.

The Community Day will be Sat. June 26<sup>th</sup>. For fireworks only plus expense of police and portable johns, the estimated cost is \$20,000.

Last Saturday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, Frank held a “Parents’ Night Out” at the YMCA with assistance from 5 of their directors. There were 30 children (about 15-16 families). None of the families were members of the Y. Frank is still having discussion with the Y about a bus from our Summer Youth Program to the Y each afternoon.

ACAC wants to do more events with us. Frank met with the new Golf Pro at Applebrook to discuss outings for this year.

Following the meeting tonight, Frank will have his annual permit meeting with the various sports groups who want the use of our fields this summer.

B. Mark reported that the new locks have been installed on the old restrooms. There was some more vandalism before the locks were installed.

He cleared out the underbrush at Applebrook. They made a new sign for the East Goshen Park entrance.

6. **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A. Passive/Active Park definitions – Because of an article in the township Newsletter which stated that skateboarding was permitted in Applebrook, the Board of Supervisors wants the Park & Recreation Board to check the definitions of Passive and Active Parks as contained in the Township Code. Bob stated that he has never seen skateboarding in Applebrook. The rollerbladers are usually adults getting exercise and biking is usually families. Applebrook is a safer place for parents to teach their children to ride their bikes. The Township Code does not allow skateboarding. He looked for other examples of passive and active parks. He found that passive is usually low impact activities such as walking, picnics, etc. and no organized activities. Active is high impact activities such as organized sports. Bob feels the Township Code definition is okay and does not have to be changed. Frank researched the safety standards and found that the minimum width of a path for the combination of walking and biking is 8 feet. The path in Applebrook is 9 feet wide. The Board decided that the code definitions are okay. After the Board of Supervisors makes their decision, Frank will put a retraction in the next Newsletter stating the skateboarding is not allowed in Applebrook Park.

B. National Land Trust - Their report will not be ready for another 2-3 weeks.

7. **LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that Bryan is the new Chairman. The Board has concerns about residents cutting underbrush along the Reservoir.

Historical Commission - Ruth reported that Kathryn is the Chairman. Ben and Ellen are Co-Chairpersons. They discussed their activities calendar, goals for 2010, and Town Talk/Village Walk events. March 6<sup>th</sup> is National History Day being held at Immaculata. They need volunteers to help with the judging. They want ideas to get more people to come to the Plank House. A representative from a reenactment group suggested that they would like to use Applebrook Park to do a reenactment and overnight encampment. The host (East Goshen) would have to supply some items, such as wood, hay, etc. They also want to sell their wares. Ruth pointed out that they would need to apply for a permit which would probably be denied. Ben donated an original cir. 1873 map of East and West Goshen and West Chester to the Historical Commission.

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that Senya Isayeff was appointed to replace Joe McDonough. The Township and the Home Owners Association is trying to work with Traditions. If Traditions doesn't accept the conditions, they will probably be denied. The Deer Management Committee has several openings. Parking fines were increased from \$10 to \$35, and illegal handicapped parking to \$70. The Pension plan for township employees may be changed. T. Keyes Co. has been asked to drill holes at the Hershey's Mill Dam to see where they hit bedrock. The Township's insurance company will not cover the Hershey's Mill Dam since it is not in compliance with State requirements. The Township got a separate policy to cover the liability for the dam. The Board of Supervisors wants to organize a Budget Committee made up of residents to work with them.

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, Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. After the March meeting, the Board will fill bags for the Egg Hunt. Volunteers are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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