

Agenda
Park and Recreation
Meeting
Thursday, March 4, 2010
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order(ask about anyone taping the meeting) /Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes-February 4, 2010
3. Review Expenditures
4. Staff Reports:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works

5. Items to be discussed:
 - A. Dogs off leash at the Park
 - B. National Lands Trust – report update
 - C. Egg Hunt bag loading
6. Correspondence & Reminder of Article Submission Date

<u>Article Due Date</u>	<u>Delivery date</u>
May 12, 2010	July 1, 2010
August 11, 2010	October 1, 2010
November 10, 2010	January 1, 2011

7. Liaison Reports:

Bob Huebner-CB
Ruth Scadding-HC
Phyllis Marron-BOS
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore-PC
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

2. MINUTES
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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
January 7, 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 26th. For fireworks only plus expense of police and portable johns, the estimated cost is \$20,000.

Last Saturday, Jan. 30th, 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 6th 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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To: Park and Recreation Board
From: Frank Vattilano
RE: Director's Report
March 4, 2010 Meeting

Programs: Our winter slate recreation is going very well. Yoga, aerobics, water walking, and the tot skate lessons continue. Our trip to the Flower Show, and in the spring, our trips to Cape Cod and the Cherry Blossom Festival are done deals- we have more than enough participants to make them happen.

Progress: Our Egg Hunt supplies have come in. We have received a pledge of \$500 from Beneficial Bank (thanks to Deb Beury) to support the Egg Hunt. I have applied to TD Bank for a \$2000 Corporate Sponsorship to help support the Egg Hunt, Community Day and Pumpkin Fest. The first proof for our spring 2010 newsletter has come back and I am making corrections. Our spring/summer slate of activities is a good one and I think the activities we offer will be relevant to the needs of our community. We have not heard from Comcast as to whether they will help us with funding for our special events. We are working with the YMCA for a Flick and Float special event in August. We will include West Goshen and West Chester Borough. The Y has agreed to supply a bus at 12pm at our summer camp for children whose parents wish to register their children for the Y's afternoon slate. Bring on Spring!

Personnel: Doing well

Problems: Minimal

Permits: We had an excellent meeting in Feb. for field use. The competitors for field time were very cooperative.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY

1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

January 27, 2010

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that T-Mobile has submitted a conditional use application to the Township requesting approval to construct a Wireless Communication Facility on a PECO pole within the road right-of-way along North Chester Road north of Boot Rd and adjacent to New Kent Apartments. The applicant proposes to replace the existing 24 foot tall PECO pole with a 40 foot pole plus a pole extension and antennas to equal a total height of 49 feet.

Pursuant to Township policy, all property owners within 1000 feet of the property subject to the Conditional Use application are notified of the proceedings.

This application is scheduled to be discussed at the following meetings and is subject to change.

February 3, 2010 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm) **(The applicant will make a presentation at this meeting)**

March 3, 2010 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)

March 16, 2010 - Board of Supervisors (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 8:00 pm) **(Conditional Use Hearing)**

All meetings and workshops are held at the Township Building and are open to the public. The plans are available for review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or email me at mgordon@eastgoshen.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All ABC's
Donald T. Petrosa, Esq. (Via Email)

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

January 27, 2010

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Saint Francis Nursery School has submitted a Zoning Hearing Board application requesting to amend the current Special Exception approval for the United Church of Christ East Goshen located at 1201 North Chester Road, West Chester PA, 19380. The applicant proposes to operate a pre-school program within the church facility and to add a 1000 square foot playground area towards the rear of the property. The applicant is seeking to amend the existing Special Exception approval granted to the church in 1992 which allows a day-care / pre-school program so long as it is operated solely by the church.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners and residents within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of these types of hearing applications.

This application is scheduled to be discussed at the following meetings and is subject to change.

February 3, 2010 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)

March 2, 2010 – Board of Supervisors meeting (workshop at 6:30 pm, formal meeting @ 8:00 pm)

March 11, 2010 – Zoning Hearing Board (meeting @ 7:30 pm) **(Zoning Hearing)**

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Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions
Ross Unruh, Esq. Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor (Via Email)