

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
May 6, 2010**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were: Bob Huebner, Ruth Scadding and Phyllis Marron.

Others present: Mark Miller, Director of Public Works  
Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation  
Ben Rohrbeck –Historical Commission  
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary  
Arthur Jones – Resident

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman asked if anyone was planning to record the meeting. No response.

**2. MINUTES**

Bob moved to accept the minutes from April 1, 2010 as corrected. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed. Phyllis abstained.

**3. EXPENDITURES**

The Board reviewed the expenditures for April 2010. They asked about signs for the Egg Hunt. Frank explained they were for VIP Parking and to keep people from butting in line for the Easter Bunny.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Frank reported that the Cherry Blossom Festival trip went very well. There were 200 people from 3 municipalities including a bus and a half from East Goshen. Because they used the park and it was after dark when they returned after 9 pm, Frank sent a thank you to the police department for being there to assist with the traffic.

Frank provided a copy of a thank you from a resident for the yard sale at the Township Building for residents of Hershey's Mill. Due to the popularity, there will be another yard sale in the Fall and then 2 each year.

Community Day – Vendors have donated \$4,000 so far. Frank feels the vendor donations, Applebrook donation and funds from the Township will cover the cost of the fireworks.

New York City trip is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>. This year he cut down the number of hours they will be there in order to decrease the cost to \$35. They will leave East Goshen at 7 am and leave New York City at 6:30 p.m.

Newsletter – The Park Board is entitled to a one page article which is in addition to the 4 papers of Recreation Program information.

B. Mark reported that the grass is growing and it is taking a lot to keep up with it.

TBall Field – Great Valley Little League called to ask if there was anyway to make the field more useable after rain. When Mark said there was no funding this year, they offered funding to put in drains, etc. He is meeting with them and their engineer on Monday. Mark has ideas for a solution and can provide the labor during the summer.

Hershey's Mill Dam will be drained and seeded to contain the silt.

A pine tree was knocked over in the winter. Mr. Jones asked if it can be lifted back in place. Mark provided a photo of it and explained that it is split open on the back side. He will remove it when the area has dried out.

YMCA trees – He is tagging the ones that need to be replaced.

Paoli Pike Crossing – The police are counting the cars on Paoli Pike. One evening Mark had some of his staff count the people crossing from one park to the other. As soon as he hears something from PennDOT, he will order the signs and marker for the middle of the road indicating a crosswalk.

## 6. **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A. Scout Project – Christopher Moore gave an update to the Board on his Scout project. The survey is done and he is working on the results. He will start working the mile markers on May 29, rain date May 30. He will provide Mark with a list of materials that he will need. Bob moved to allocate the funds he needs. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ann Marie abstained. Ann Marie will check to see if a scout troop can continue to do follow-up maintenance on a project after the scout is gone.

B. National Land Trust – Bob explained that the list of recommendations the Conservancy Board made corresponds with the NLT report and the Board’s goals as shown in the Township Comprehensive Plan. The Park Board is upset that the Conservancy Board sent these recommendations to the Board of Supervisors without their input. Bob urged the Park Board to make a list of their recommendations. The Park Board will take a walk through Applebrook before the next meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010. They will meet at the Chamber of Commerce building at 5:30 p.m.

C. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day – The Park Board had four members participate this year.

D. Meeting with other Boards – Ruth reported that the joint meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am at the Township Building. She has only had 2 positive responses so far. She will send out the agenda on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

E. Path Watch Email – Frank said that a resident reported dogs off leash in the park and attacking other dogs. Another resident suggested that a “Path Watch” group be formed that would call in any incidents they observe to the police. Also, Vicki is concerned about suspicious people in parked cars in the parks. There was a recent report of a car break in on the Applebrook side. Frank feels the phone number for the police should be added to the information signs in the parks. Mark has been adding signs onto existing posts and is concerned about how it looks. He would like to take the wording for all the signs and make it into just one sign per post.

F. Passive/Active – The Board of Supervisors left the definitions as they are, except for the new reference to the Deer Management program. Bob suggested that cross country skiing be allowed in the winter.

G. Newsletter – Ann Marie has an article ready to submit by May 12<sup>th</sup> for the July 1, 2010 newsletter.

H. Friends of East Goshen – The Board of Supervisors is forming this non-profit committee. They want one person from each Board to be a member. Ruth volunteered to represent the Park Board.

## 7. **LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that Jane Fava will be the representative on the Friends of East Goshen committee. Jane expects to hear about the NLT grant in mid-May. Jane also wants to develop a 5-year plan from the NLT report.

Historical Commission - Ruth reported that the Historic Commission would like to have any history on the parks. The Commission has added 2 non-voting members who will work on special projects.

The residual structure in Aplebrook should be closed off. It is not historic.

Living History Day is June 5<sup>th</sup>, they need volunteers.

The Philadelphia Campaign will be held in Delaware in the Fall.

Since there will be no Living History Day in the Fall, Chris Reardon suggested holding a re-enactment of a day in the life of a soldier.

Ben and Kathryn were interviewed by the author, Ann Issac who is writing a history book that will tie into Goshenville.

Board of Supervisors – Phyllis reported that they discussed the Friends of East Goshen committee, NLT presentation, Deer Ordinance, and residents who don’t have public water. In the past they have donated \$500 to Bishop Shanahan and East High Schools for post prom but don’t have the funds in the budget this year. They received the grant to replace the traffic light bulbs with LED bulbs. The Township Garden Club (3 people volunteered so far) was allocated \$200 for materials.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. Mr. Jones presented a list of items in East Goshen and Applebrook parks that concern him. He attached a hand drawn map of Applebrook showing the areas for improvements he was suggesting. These landscaping suggestions were (1) at the west end of the oval, (2) at the spring house and (3) the northeast corner. Ann Marie explained there was no funding for landscaping. The Board likes his ideas but the trees would have to be donated. He also suggested that the area adjacent to the Golf Course be left unmowed. He asked if the Township could employ a retired tree expert to monitor and trim the new trees. Ann Marie noted that there is no funding for a position like this. The items he listed for East Goshen Park will be taken care of when Mark has the staff available.

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

None

**10. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Phyllis moved to adjourn the meeting. Ruth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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