

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
June 3, 2010**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, June 3, 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, Phyllis Marron and Vicki Wooters.

Others present: Mark Miller, Director of Public Works
Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Ben Rohrbeck –Historical Commission
Sue Ciorletti – Historical Commission
Jane Fava – Conservancy Board
Thom Clapper – Township Supervisor
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 May 6, 2010 as corrected. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion.
The motion passed.

3. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures for May 2010.

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. Frank reported they are finishing the spring programs. Last night he held First Aid training for 20 of the Summer Program staff. Two weeks ago he had training for volunteers for the Summer Program. About 70 young people age 13 to college age attended. His next volunteer meeting will be Monday June 7, 2010.

Cape Cod Trip – He will have the results of the surveys at next month’s meeting. This was a combined trip including East Goshen, West Goshen and West Chester.

Community Day – Will be held on June 26, 2010. Total donations pledged so far are \$15,600. He is waiting for the \$10,000 donation from Applebrook. Wawa has donated \$500 worth of beverages and discounted the price of hoagies for the volunteers (police, firemen, etc.). The projected cost is \$18,900. There will be a DJ at \$300 instead of a band. Instead of renting a tent, the VIPs will be greeted at the Ira Hicks Pavilion. Frank needs volunteer hosts for the VIP area. Greetings from VIPs will start at 8 pm. The rain date is June 27, 2010

B. Mark reported that PennDot has denied the township’s request to put a cone in the crosswalk on Paoli Pike between the parks, because the speed limit is 45 mph. We can paint the hash marks in the crosswalk and install PennDOT approved signs along Paoli Pike. The signs will read “Park Entrance Ahead”, “Pedestrian Crosswalk Ahead” and “Yield to Pedestrians”.

Mark met with the USDA regarding removal of the Canada Geese. This will start in a few weeks. He will send letters to the residents involved in order to get permission for the USDA to come on their property to get the geese.

The Tot Lot passed a safety compliance test. They put mulch down on the playground.

6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Joint Meeting - The joint ABCs meeting on May 15, 2010 was well attended and very productive.

Lots of ideas were shared. Ruth Scadding will follow up on projects i.e., Kathryn Yahraes is going to keep a calendar with the dates of all ABCs meetings and events. This should prevent scheduling two events on the same day.

B. Park Walk – Park & Recreation Board members Ann Marie, Ruth Scadding, Bob, and Phyllis, Conservancy Board member Jane Fava, Frank, Mark and Ruth Kiefer walked through Applebrook Park before tonight's meeting. They discussed areas that should be left as meadows. Jane will contact the Natural Lands Trust to get a copy of their guide on meadows. This shows how to make a plan and schedule for spraying, etc. She suggested that the Park & Recreation and Conservancy Boards have a meeting/workshop just for this.

Bob moved to have Mark Miller layout a meadow in the area between the Pulte Preserve at Applebrook and Bellingham and only mow this area twice a year. In other areas mowing will be done along the edge of the trail, the open center area and along Paoli Pike will continue to be mowed on a regular schedule. Phyllis seconded the motion. Vicki mentioned the areas that were to be watched as meadows during the past 2 years, i.e. Reservoir Road Project, Applebrook Park neat the Chamber of Commerce building and the reforestation at Paoli Pike and Line Road. She doesn't feel a decision was made to keep these areas as meadows. Also, she feels the residents at the Preserve should be notified. Ruth Scadding will include this information in the article for the next Township newsletter. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Spraying for invasives was discussed during the walk. Bob moved to authorize Mark Miller to contact Brian O'Neal at Weeds Inc. to spot treat invasivies (purple lustrife and multiflora rose) along the path in Applebrook and treat purple lustrife in the wetlands not to exceed \$5,000. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed. Vicki voted no.

C. Loop Trail – There has been a plan for the trail from the new bridge and along the corner of Paoli Pike and Line Road to be a loop to return to the bridge. Jane said the Conservancy Board was never told about a loop through the new trees. She would prefer that the part going through the woodland be mowed and not paved. Phyllis moved to keep the plan for a loop around and through the trees at the corner of Paoli Pike and Line Road and that the entire loop be paved. Vicki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that the Conservancy Board wants to make a 5 year plan for Applebrook Park. Their request for a 100 foot buffer may be mandated by the state in the future.

Historical Commission - Ruth reported that the Historical Commission discussed what maintenance needs to be done at the historic area and will keep a schedule of the maintenance. Ben reported that the buildings were inspected by a contractor and a maintenance schedule is being planned. Living History Day is Saturday June 5, 2010 and they still need volunteers. Paoli Battlefield needs volunteers for an event on June 25, 2010. Ellen Carmody will be their representative on the 501C3 Committee.

Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that they have a contractor working on options to repair or breach the Hershey's Mill Dam. They appointed 4 members to the 501C3 committee. The contract to replace the traffic lights with LEDs was given. The cost is being covered by a grant.

The Township Newsletter can be received electronically. When you select this option, you must call the Township office to have your name taken off the mailing list. Ann Marie said she would like to receive it both ways. Frank commented that of the 52 people on the Cape Cod trip, 30 heard about it through the printed newsletter and only 2 through the internet.

They are getting bids for trash service. If you have any complaints about the current trash service, call Mark Miller.

The Zoning Hearing Board has a vacancy.

The Township received \$42,000 from EMA for snow removal reimbursement.

They appointed 6 members to the Township Advisory Group (TAG).

They will be asking the ABCs for an update on their high priority items in the Comprehensive Plan.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Jones provided a follow up to his list from last month with the following items:
1. Poison Ivy Removal is an ongoing issue. Mark said the next scheduled removal is this Saturday.
 2. Chewing Gum – He stated there are a few places where there is gum on the trails. He will give Mark the locations.
 3. Trash can in Applebrook on the west end of the oval needs to be fixed. Mark noted that he saw this during the walk the Board took in Applebrook before the meeting.
 4. Original Men’s Restroom has a wet floor and appliances are dirty. New restroom is starting to show problems. Mark explained that there is no problem with the plumbing and the restrooms are cleaned every morning at 7 am. Mr. Jones said that it is later in the day when he is seeing this.
 5. Mowing – Ann Marie said this will be discussed later in the meeting.
 6. Trees – At the last meeting he suggested paying a retired arborist to prune the trees in the parks. There are no funds for a position like this. Mark will put an item in the Newsletter asking for a volunteer. Jane said she can get volunteers from West Chester University to do this.
 7. The wooden guard rail along Paoli Pike where the creek goes under the road has a short margin for error if a car slips off the road. Mark said it is the State’s responsibility since it is a State road.
 8. Partner with Audubon Pennsylvania to develop a plan for bird conservation. Bob pointed out that the Blue Birds are using the houses that were built as a scout project.
- Regarding plants at the spring house, Ruth Scadding pointed out that any plans for plantings would also have to be reviewed by the Conservancy Board and the Historical Commission.

9. CORRESPONDENCE/REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

None

10. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

1. Bob asked Thom if the BOS needs a motion from Park & Recreation regarding their position on the Hershey’s Mill Dam. Thom said it is not necessary. Ben commented that the original dam is actually 300 feet north of the current dam. The current dam is not historic.
2. Vicki suggested that the Park & Recreation and Conservancy boards do a combined article on meadows for the Township Newsletter.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Phyllis moved to adjourn the meeting. Ruth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. **There will be a JULY meeting on July 1, 2010.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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