

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
August 5, 2010**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, August 5, 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, Phyllis Marron, Ruth Scadding, and Vicki Wooters.

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works
Ben Rohrbeck –Historical Commission
Sue Ciorletti – Historical Commission
Thom Clapper – Township Supervisor
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary
Arthur Jones – Resident
Christopher and Dean Moore - Residents

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 July 1, 2010 as corrected. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion.
The motion passed. Vicki and Phyllis abstained.

3. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures for July 2010. Bob pointed out that there is still no invoice for Weeds Inc. The budget for this spraying is \$4,000. Thom mentioned that there is purple lustrife at the Reservoir.

4. STAFF REPORTS

A. Frank reported that the children in the Youth Recreation camp are having a great time despite the unusually hot summer. Frank thanked Mark Miller for his rapid response to anything he needed. He thanked Vicki Wooters for the excellent Rescue Dog demonstration she did for the children. She also showed a video and asked questions afterwards. She was impressed that the children knew all the answers. Frank reported that the 88 youth camp volunteers gave a total of over 4,000 hours of service. Frank feels the extremely hot weather affected the normal last minute signups he usually gets. They did have over 200 children this year which is down from previous years. A woman from the Intermediate Unit, who is a Therapeutic Support Specialist and has to follow the children she is responsible for during the summer, was very pleased with the East Goshen camp. Frank said the program can't continue into the afternoon, because the janitors need to clean at 2 pm. Frank received a call from West Chester University where they have an afternoon creative writing course. They wanted to see if we could work together to provide a full day to some of the children. Thom Clapper suggested contacting the school that will be using the old IBM building across from the Township Building as a possible location for the afternoon.
The girls' volleyball clinic and youth soccer clinic got good reviews and the instructors did a great job. The Pre School entertainment series at the park has drawn more moms and tots than ever before. One week there were 150 and the next 100. This week Frank could not be there because of camp activities. Ruth Scadding was there and reported that the musician was great. She feels there were about 160 people there. However, the puppet show was late setting up and was not organized. Frank has used them for many years. He will contact them about this disappointing event.
The Fishing Clinic went very well. Frank thanked Thom Clapper and his wife Irene for their invaluable help. Also, Rick Siddons of the Delchester wildlife Preservation Group donated 8 fishing rods and other item for prizes. Chet Darlington also donated fishing rods. The pictures of the clinic are on the website.

There were 28 participants. Frank is trying to get Cabellos to donate tents for next year. He would like to have an overnight camping and fishing clinic in the East Goshen Park.

YMCA – Frank met with the Director and Assistant Director. The Y will pay the cost for a shredding day. The date they selected is Friday, Oct. 22nd and it will probably be held at the Baptist Church across from the YMCA on Airport Road.

Pumpkin Festival will be Sat. Oct. 16th. The YMCA is donating \$750 worth of apples and apple cider.

Last year the Y got some free field time in exchange for events to be held at the Y. This year they will pay for their field time but will get first choice as we do with the West Chester School District.

Frank and the Y are discussing the possibility of having a “3 on 3” tourney at our park next year as a fund raiser. East Goshen and the Y will co-sponsor the event and split the profits.

The Yard Sale is Sat. Oct. 2nd.

The Fall meeting for use of our fields was held last week and went very well. Four organizations wanted to use the soccer/football fields and overlapped, but they worked everything out.

5. **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A. Christopher Moore gave a presentation of his Eagle Scout project. The results of his survey, which was taken during the 2009 Pumpkin Festival and on Dec. 13, 2009, showed that 78 respondents were residents, 35 were not; the largest age groups were 11-20 and 31-40; 65 respondents say they use the park trails 1-5 days/month; and all said mile markers would be helpful. All of the markers are installed in both parks. He explained the process of installing the markers. The Board thanked him and said they were very pleased with the results.

B. Walk in Applebrook – Tonight before the meeting the Park & Rec members met Jane Fava of the Conservancy Board for a walk through Applebrook. After the previous site walk, the Board decided to have an area 1 width of a mower (about 48”) mowed along the edge of the trail. After discussion, Vicki moved to mow along the Applebrook trail 2 mower widths. Phyllis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or comments. The motion passed unanimously.

As a result of the site walk tonight, Vicki made 2 suggestions. First, by the old bridge, she would like to put in a fishing dock/area. Second, she feels restrooms are needed. Bob mentioned there are composting lavatories. Mark will get information.

During the walk, Jane talked about applying for a grant. Bob explained that it would pay for installing trees to create a buffer in Applebrook. Invasives would be removed before planting. A fence would be erected to protect the trees from deer. Maintenance would have to be discussed. He also pointed out that this is an area discussed in the NLT report. Vicki feels that Applebrook is a park not a preserve so the needs of the residents are the priority. The Park Board wants the specifics of the grant and a written plan. Also, it must be clarified who is in control of the project.

C. Reservoir Road Project – Ann Marie doesn’t like the look of the area across the street from the project. Mark explained that this area is not being mowed at the request of the Conservancy Board. Ruth and Bob want a meeting with the Conservancy Board so they can explain the reason for no mowing.

D. Boy Scouts - At the September meeting, the Boy Scouts would like to make a presentation to the Park Board about the possibility of using East Goshen Park for a week long camp next summer. They will also make the same presentation to the Board of Supervisors at their August 17th meeting. However, they would like to come earlier than 7 pm. Bob moved to start the September meeting at 6:30 p.m. Ruth seconded the motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Bob, Ruth and Phyllis voted yes. Vicki voted no. Ann Marie abstained. The motion passed.

6. **LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – See 5.B above.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that the Town Tour was a success. The official count was 144. Everyone enjoyed it. They got lots of good feedback. The celebration of the Philadelphia Campaign is being held in Brandywine Park in Delaware on Sept. 25 & 26.

Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that the deer non-hunting days have been extended to cover from Dec. 13 to Jan. 1. The Historical Commission has a vacancy. The State decided that the Earned Income Tax will be collected by a firm from Pittsburgh. Cost estimates for the Hershey’s Mill Dam are due 8/15.

Trash bids are in but have not been discussed yet. The hours that the Township Building will be opened have changed from 7 – 5:30 to 8 – 5. Also the Assistant Township Manager position was eliminated, so Joe Gill was released. Linda Gordon’s husband passed away this week. The memorial service will be tomorrow 8/6 at 10 am. Thom asked everyone to encourage residents to sign up for automatic notices via email from the township website.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Mr. Jones asked about the guardrail on Paoli Pike at a previous meeting. Ruth Scadding said that since this is a state road, PennDot would have to do the work. She asked him to write a letter to PennDOT about his concerns. After that, the Township can also write a letter

8. CORRESPONDENCE/REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

None

9. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Phyllis moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. **For the September 2,2010 meeting, the board will meet at 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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