

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
September 2, 2010**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore at 6:30 p.m. Other board members present were: Bob Huebner, Phyllis Marron, and Ruth Scadding.

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation  
Ben Rohrbeck –Historical Commission  
Thom Clapper – Township Supervisor  
Jane Fava – Conservancy Board  
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary  
Jim Langer – District Director, Chester County Council of the Boy Scouts  
Arthur Jones – Resident

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our armed forces.

The Chairman asked if anyone was planning to record the meeting. No response.

**2. MINUTES**

Phyllis moved to accept the minutes from the combined ABC meeting held on May 15, 2010. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed. These minutes need to be forwarded to **all** ABC members. Bob moved to accept the minutes from the August 5, 2010 meeting. Ruth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**3. EXPENDITURES**

The Board reviewed the expenditures for August 2010. Frank and Phyllis will meet with Deb Buery to discuss the budget for 2011.

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Frank reported that the summer programs are done. He proof read the articles for the Fall Newsletter. The September golf outing is at around 60 people but we may get near our maximum in the next couple of weeks.

YMCA shredding day will be Saturday October 23, 2010 at the Bible Baptist Church on Airport Road from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Each person is allowed only 3 cardboard boxes. There will be a window on the truck so you can see your papers being shredded. There will be games for the kids. Mr. Jones asked if Wiggins was considered for this since they are a business in East Goshen. Frank did not know since the YMCA is running this event.

B. Mark provided a copy of the letter Mr. Jones sent to PennDOT about the drop off on Paoli Pike. The Park and Recreation Board recommends that Mark follow up and send a letter on behalf of the Township if necessary.

Mark provided information about composting restrooms which will be discussed at a later meeting.

**5. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A. Boy Scouts – Jim Langer presented a proposal to move the 2011 Cub Scout Day Camp from Oakbourne Park to East Goshen Park. They will operate the camp July 11 through July 15, 2011, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am until 4:00 pm each day. The camp started 10 years ago with 120 youth. Over the last 3 years that number has grown to 160 plus staff. The lack of adequate parking has caused them to look

for alternate locations. They will provide 10 portable toilets which will be cleaned daily. In case of severe weather, they evacuate to 3 Krapf buses which are provided for this reason. They have various programs for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Discussion – Frank said the time does not interfere with use of the ball fields. The biggest concern is Archery, which is a significant part of the program. They rope off an area of about 50 feet. Jim would prefer to put it in an open space rather than wooded. Ruth is concerned because the park ordinance does not allow the use or discharge of a weapon in the park. Traffic flow and staff parking were discussed. The Super Sibs Program is for the children of the staff members. Last year there were about 17 children ages 3 to 12 years old. They will not interfere with the Tot Lot and will only use it for about 20 minutes each day. This program is held in a separate area. Vandalism is a concern since they get rental tents donated for the week which are up 24 hours. A nurse and EMTs were on site every day and their time was donated by the township. The Board will discuss the request further at the next meeting.

B. The Park & Recreation Board held a workshop on Tuesday August 31, 2010 to discuss policy and procedures regarding grants and permits. They reviewed the draft minutes. Ruth moved that a letter be sent to the Board of Supervisors recommending the changes. Phyllis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Mission Statement – This discussion was tabled until next month.

D. Comprehensive Plan Goals – Tabled until next meeting.

E. Township Newsletter – Ruth’s computer was down so her article was not received by the township in time for the fall newsletter. Bob will do an article for the winter newsletter.

## 6. **LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that they discussed their 2011 budget. The Hankin Group made a presentation for the landscaping at their New Kent project. The Board did not approve it because the number of items to be used was missing.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that Judy Schafer was made a voting member of the Commission. The Commission evaluated the Town Tour event. The celebration of the Philadelphia Campaign is being held in Brandywine Park in Delaware on Sept. 25 & 26. They discussed new signs for the Blacksmith Shop. The Township calendar was reviewed.

Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that all meetings start at 7:00 pm now. They received estimates for the Hershey Mill Dam which were: \$450,000 to repair or \$250,000 to \$450,000 to breach. There would be an additional \$150,000 for design and engineering. The appraisal for the property was \$1.00. They need to meet with the Save the Dam group to discuss conditions of a sale. There is 6.2 acres with limited access and no parking. The Township has applied for grants to breach the dam.

On Wednesday, September 8, 2010 TAG will hold a public meeting.

Trash bids were rejected because of technicalities.

## 7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## 8. **CORRESPONDENCE/REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION**

None

## 9. **BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

Ruth provided a copy of an article from the Daily Local News stating the Kennett Square was banning animals from public events with the exception of service dogs. Fines are \$50.00 to \$300.00. Ruth suggested that East Goshen do the same. This would be only at public events. People could still walk their pets in the park. After discussion Ruth moved to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending a ban on all dogs and other pets, with the exception of service animals, from all Township sponsored events. Violation fines would be \$50.00 to \$300.00. Bob seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Phyllis moved to adjourn the meeting. Ruth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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