

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
October 7,, 2010**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, October 7, 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: Mark Miller, Director of Public Works  
Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation  
Ben Rohrbeck & Sue Ciorletti –Historical Commission  
Thom Clapper – Township Supervisor  
Jane Fava – Conservancy Board  
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary  
Erich Meyer - Resident  
Arthur Jones – Resident  
Joe D’Antonio – TAG

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The Chairman 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 the September 2, 2010 meeting as corrected. Ruth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**3. EXPENDITURES**

The Board reviewed the expenditures for September 2010. Ann Marie questioned the overage shown for the Cape Cod Trip. Frank said the trip paid for itself and probably all the fees haven’t been allocated to it yet. He will check this. Bob couldn’t find any more payments to Weeds, Inc. Only \$400 has been paid.

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Frank reported that the December 4, 2010 trip to New York City has one full bus and 10 people on a second bus. They will leave East Goshen at 7 am and NYC at 6:30 pm, which is less time than last year but it decreased the cost. The cost is the same as West Goshen but we are in New York longer. The Newsletter was delivered to the residents.

Frank thanked Bob and Phyllis for their help with the golf outing. He explained that all weather forecasts predicted clear weather, but it was pouring rain all morning. Frank discussed the possibility of a cancellation with the Applebrook Manager who agreed to only charge \$300 for the lunch. However, at noon the weather cleared and they continued with the event.

Thom Clapper gave Frank the name of a contact at the Leadership Charter School.

Parking in the Park – The YMCA had a bike fundraiser at the park last Sunday. When the band arrived, they parked on the grass. Frank received calls about it and went to investigate. He also saw that the YMCA was collecting fees and there were a few vendors selling products.

Also, Frank notified the athletic director at SS. Simon and Jude about parking on the grass and warned him that their permit would be pulled. Ruth Scadding suggested that wording be added to the permit that they can’t start a game or practice if any cars are parked on the grass.

Ruth also reported that she received a call from a resident near the park that the band at the YMCA event was too loud. Ruth told the resident to send a letter to the Township.

Shredding Event – Frank met with Bruce at the YMCA and discovered that Penn Liberty Bank is also sponsoring this event. Frank apologized and included them on the website. He will also acknowledge them at the Pumpkin Festival and in the next newsletter.

B. Mark reported that he talked with the Forestry Department about possible replacement of some of the trees the Township lost recently. Several local garden centers said they would take the woodchips from the trees. Several members of his staff are taking a safety course.

Tot Lot – Two of the spring toys need to be replaced. There is \$5000 in the budget capital replacement fund. Phyllis moved to replace the 2 toys with the motorcycle and dolphin. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed. Vicki voted no.

Mark said they cleaned out Applebrook, and the bridge should be done this Sunday. Mr. Jones asked about non-skid treads on the bridge. Mark will look into this. Also, Mr. Jones asked if Mark received a response from PennDOT yet. Mark said no.

The YMCA replaced the dead trees Mark requested.

## 5. **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

A. TAG – Joe D’Antonio introduced himself and explained the process of TAG. He previously met with Frank, but at the TAG public meeting, it was suggested that the TAG members should visit the ABC’s for input. They are preparing the final report which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors next Tuesday, October 12, 2010. Frank gave out a list of his ideas for possible revenue enhancements as follows:

1. Allow payment of program fees, etc. by credit cards or PayPal. People want convenience and this is easier than writing a check. This will mean faster accessibility and more participants.
2. Expand scope of partnerships with other organizations, i.e. Philadelphia Eagles, Phillies, Sixers, etc.
3. Re-evaluate fees charged for use of the ball fields at the park. Approximately \$9500.00 was billed for field fees in 2010 and \$6600.00 for pavilion permits. Use internet vehicles like Twitter to communicate with participants in events and programs. Create a “Friends of East Goshen” committee to raise funds for special events. Frank contacted all vendors who do business with the Township. Three vendors have donated \$250.00 each to sponsor a box of pumpkins at the Pumpkin Festival and the YMCA is paying about \$604.00 for apples and cider. Also, some vendors would pay for advertising on the Township’s website.

Joe thanked the Board for their time and input.

B. Boy Scout Camp – Bob commented that he would like to work with the Boy Scouts but the archery is a big problem. He is concerned that others will see this and think they can shoot archery in the park too. He asked for the actual percentage of East Goshen residents. Ann Marie will get that number. She said there are four camps in Chester County and the campers attend the one closest to them. Bob asked to see a sample of the bow and arrow they will use. Thom acknowledged that the scouts made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors. They have many questions and are waiting for the decision of the Park & Recreation Board. Vicki is opposed to the buses. Ann Marie explained about the rules requiring hard shelter in case of bad weather.

C. Mission Statement – Ann Marie provided a proposed Mission Statement. Vicki moved to accept draft two of Ann Marie’s Mission Statement as amended. Phyllis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed. The Mission Statement is as follows: The Mission of the Park and Recreation Board of East Goshen Township is to provide for the health and recreation opportunities for its residents. We strive to create and maintain high quality programs, facilities and community special events. Through dedication and preservation of natural resources we will insure the opportunity for diverse leisure experiences for future generations of East Goshen Township.

D. Recommendations for Natural Lands Trust report – Bob reported on spraying invasives and maintenance of invasives. In 2010, the Park Board has limited mowing in Applebrook, let the Pulte area in Applebrook become a meadow, and the tree hazards next to the bridge on Hibberd Ave. were taken down. Vicki doesn’t feel the meadows are more than weeds growing. She feels meadow grasses should be planted. Vicki said the Ashbridge Preserve is beautiful, although it is maintained by the Willistown Conservancy. Thom pointed out that the Board of Supervisors needs a joint plan from the Park Board and Conservancy Board with costs, to consider for the 2011 budget. Ruth Scadding feels the Park Board should make a list of what has been done and what is remaining from the NLT report. Then there should be a joint meeting of all members of both boards. Thom said the BOS needs the report before November 15, 2010.

E. Township Newsletter –Bob will do an article for the winter newsletter.

**6. LIASION REPORTS**

Conservancy Board – Bob reported that the new State regulation for buffers is 150 feet for new construction.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that the Commission had members at the Philadelphia Campaign at the Brandywine Creek State Park in Delaware. They estimate there were 1500 people there on Saturday. Sunday it rained lightly so there were probably half that there. Re-enactors came from Mass. to the Carolina's. The Historical Commission shared a vendor's tent with the Paoli Battlefield. East Goshen got a lot of exposure. He overheard re-enactors talking about the Battle of the Clouds.

Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that the Board denied the Park Board's request to ban dogs from events in the park because they have not received complaints. The vote was 4-1.

Trash bids have been accepted and will be announced at the next meeting.

At this week's meeting, residents had the opportunity to express their thoughts about installing a wireless tower in the park. The companies were asked to provide data that shows there is a real need for a tower.

They received no bids for the Hershey's Mill dam.

The Holiday party for Township volunteers will be Thursday December 9, 2010 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the fire hall.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. Erich Meyer, Monte Vista Drive, asked the Board to consider restricting left turns in and out of the original/old entrance to East Goshen Park. Also, there should be something to remind people not to cross Paoli Pike at this old entrance. Mark will look into this.

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

None

**9. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

A. Daytime Workshop – Vicki feels this meeting was scheduled during the day to prevent people from attending. Ann Marie reviewed the Sunshine law and voiced concern about Vicki's accusations.

B. Bob reminded the board members that the 2011 budget must be at the top of the agenda next month.

**10. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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