

Agenda
Park and Recreation
Meeting
Thursday, November 4, 2010
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order(ask about anyone taping the meeting) /Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes-October 7, 2010

3. Review Expenditures

4. Staff Reports:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works

5. Items to be discussed:

a. Sts Simon and Jude representatives

b. Park Rules review

c. Fees

d. TAG report

e. Goals and Objectives for 2011

f. NLT Report – Park and Conservancy meeting

6. Correspondence & Reminder of Article Submission Date

a. West Chester Areas YMCA letter of apology

b. Green Region Grant opportunity through PECO's Green Region Open Space Program

c. BOS decision, regarding an ordinance to ban dogs at township activities and/or events.

Article Due Date

Delivery date

November 10, 2010 (**Bob Huebner**)WINTER

January 1, 2011

7. Liaison Reports

Bob Huebner-CB

Ruth Scadding-HC

Phyllis Marron-BOS

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

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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. Friends of East Goshen was created 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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10/27/10

To: Park and Recreation Board
From: Frank Vattilano
RE: Director's Report
November 4, 2010 Meeting

Programs: The Yard Sale was a success. Petite Soccer, Zumba Gold Fitness, Tai Chi, Water Walking for seniors, Aerobics and Yoga are ongoing and doing well. The Pumpkin Festival was excellent. There were no parking spaces left in the park. Thank you to the Park Board for your help. Mark Miller and his Public Works Department did a great job. Every member of the BOS attended this event.

The Shredding Day event on Sat. Oct. 23rd was very successful. There was a line of cars waiting for the truck to arrive before 9am. After the first large truck was filled, a second truck was called upon. I conducted an informal poll for people waiting in their cars. I asked where they found out about this event. The response was, more often than not, "I read about it in the Township Newsletter." Many participants in the shredding were Hershey's Mill residents.

Progress: We have filled two buses for the NYC trip Dec. 4th and have a waiting list. Getting ready for winter '11. We have 5 neighbors in need signed up for Neighbor to Neighbor Day. There are 8 volunteers officially signed up so far. In addition, a Girl Scout troop has volunteered. Susan Mangigian, a resident and realtor contacted me today and said that she and several of her real estate cohorts will be signing up to help. I will make use of a truck and equipment from Mark for the event. I have solicited Home Depot and Loews for paper leaf bags and will ask Wawa for donations of refreshments.

Personnel: Doing well

Problems: Discussion of field use issues. Sts. Simon and Jude requested meeting with Park Board members.

Permits: Winding down greatly



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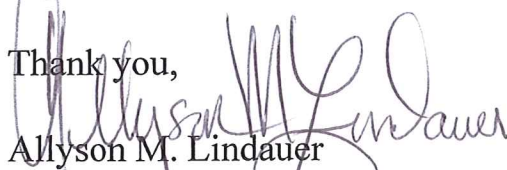
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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

On behalf of the West Chester Area YMCA, I would like to extend a sincere apology for the incidents that occurred during our Benefit Bike Ride on October 3, 2010. Frank did inform us of the park regulations and it was not our intention to purposely break those rules.

We did not sell food or goods but did not realize that we were not allowed to accept money for last minute registrants who did not pay before the event. We did not pay close enough attention to the cars parking in the grass, and for that we sincerely apologize.

We appreciate the partnership we have built with the township and certainly hope to continue working with you in the future.

Thank you,


Allyson M. Lindauer
Member Connection Director
West Chester Area YMCA
605 Airport Road
West Chester, Pa. 19380
610-431-9622 ext. 2210

YMCA OF THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY

www.ymcabwv.org

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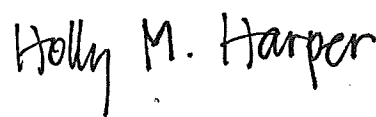
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TO: City, Township, and Borough Managers and
Directors of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Planning

FROM: Jeffrey W. Gordon
Corporate Relations Manager, PECO 
Holly M. Harper
Green Region Program Administrator, Natural Lands Trust 

DATE: October 1, 2010

RE: Grant opportunity through PECO's Green Region Open Space Program

In recent years, numerous cities, townships and boroughs in southeastern Pennsylvania have undertaken a variety of open space projects. Recognizing the importance of these initiatives to preserve open land, PECO is partnering with Natural Lands Trust to provide grants to municipalities to assist them in their efforts.

Through the Green Region program, PECO makes grants in amounts up to \$10,000 to municipalities in the Philadelphia five-county region. As the enclosed brochure outlines, the grants can be used with other funding sources to cover expenses such as consulting fees, trail construction, land acquisition, habitat improvement, and the cost of creating and implementing an open space plan. **Since Green Region's inception in 2004, we have awarded more than \$780,000 across the region for a wide range of open space projects.**

A committee made up of county, conservation and PECO representatives reviews proposals and awards grants each year. **The deadline for submitting funding requests is December 17, 2010.**

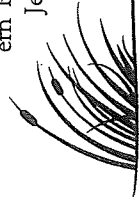
If your municipality is undertaking an open space project, we hope you'll consider applying for a Green Region grant. If you know of a project in a neighboring area, please mention our program to those involved. We hope that Green Region funds will make a real difference as you work to preserve and protect farmland, watersheds, parks, and trails for this and future generations.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Holly Harper, administrator of the Green Region program, at 610-353-5587 or hharper@natlands.org. We hope there will be an opportunity for us to support your conservation efforts.

At PECO, we do more than just provide reliable electric and natural gas. We're putting our energy into our customers, the community and the environment. In 2009, the company launched a more than \$15 million initiative to preserve the environment and help customers become more environmentally responsible. The initiative includes projects like the installation of a 45,000 square foot green roof and new LED Crown Lights messaging system at our Center City headquarters; upgrades to secure Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for many of our buildings throughout the region; the increased use of hybrid and biodiesel vehicles; and support for community and customer environmental and energy efficiency projects and programs. These efforts are a component of Exelon 2020: A Low-Carbon Roadmap, the comprehensive environmental strategy of PECO's parent company. Exelon 2020 sets the goal of reducing, offsetting or displacing more than 15 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year by 2020. This is more than the company's current annual carbon footprint and is equivalent to taking nearly 3 million cars off American roads and highways.



Natural Lands Trust, administrator of the Green Region program, is the region's largest land conservation organization and saves thousands of acres of forests, fields, streams, and wetlands each year. Since 1953, we have worked to protect landscapes in eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey by preserving and caring for natural lands, healthy habitats, and clean watersheds for the benefit of people and nature.



Natural Lands Trust



Sample projects include:

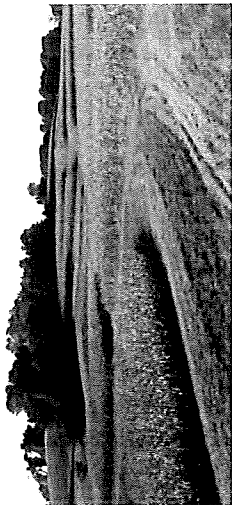
- Developing or updating municipal open space protection plans
(consultant fees, expenses associated with public input, such as hall rental, advertising, printing)
- Acquisition of open space, through fee or easement
(direct expenses such as surveys, environmental assessments, appraisals)
- Habitat improvement within municipally-owned open space.
(consultant fees, such as landscape architects, botanists, park designers, engineers, materials and labor costs for installation)
- Capital improvements for passive recreation
(planning consultant fees, materials and labor costs for constructing trails, boardwalks, kiosks, observation platforms)

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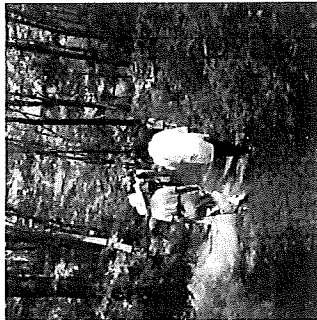


In recent years, many townships and municipalities in southeastern Pennsylvania have approved open space referenda to preserve and protect...

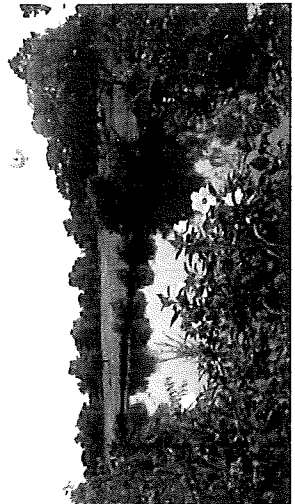
farmland



parks and trails



and watersheds.



PECO is committed to assisting municipalities in southeastern Pennsylvania with their ongoing efforts to preserve, protect and improve open space.

Through its **GREEN REGION** program, PECO has, since 2005, made over 100 grants totaling over \$780,000 to support open space and environmental projects throughout southeastern Pennsylvania.

GREEN REGION grants are available to municipalities in amounts up to \$10,000. The grants can be used with other funding sources to cover a wide variety of planning and direct expenses associated with developing and implementing open space programs, including consulting fees, surveys, environmental assessments, habitat improvement, and capital improvements for passive recreation.



A **GREEN REGION** review committee, made up of county, conservation and PECO representatives, consider all funding proposals and make grant awards.

Program guidelines and applications can be downloaded at www.peco.com/green or www.natlands.org/greenregion.

For more information, contact Holly Harper, Green Region program administrator, at 610-353-5587 or hharper@natlands.org.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

October 4, 2010

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Park and Recreation Chairperson
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

Dear Ann Marie:

At their regularly scheduled meeting on September 28, 2010, the Board of Supervisors, after reviewing material submitted to them by the Park and Recreation Board, voted to take no action on the Park and Recreation Board's recommendation to adopt a new ordinance to ban dogs and other pets, with the exception of service dogs, at all township sponsored or approved activities and events.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 610-692-7171 or email me at rsmith@eastgoshen.org.

The Board of Supervisors thanks the Park and Recreation Board for their input.

Sincerely,

Rick Smith
Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY

1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

September 30, 2010

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that CTDI Inc. has submitted a Conditional Use application for the property located at 1334 Enterprise Drive, West Chester, PA 19380. The applicant requests to amend the Conditional Use approval of the property by increasing the parking area to accommodate the number of employees on the largest shift as outlined in the current Conditional Use approval. Pursuant to §240-31.C(3)(qq) of the Township Zoning Ordinance the total impervious coverage of a property may be expanded to 60% in the BP district as long as all the requirements are met and the plan is approved through the conditional use process.

Pursuant to Township policy, property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property are notified of Conditional Use applications.

The meeting dates and times scheduled for the review and discussion of this application are outlined below and subject to change without notice.

October 6, 2010 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm) **(Presentation of Application)**

November 3, 2010 - Planning Commission meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, formal meeting @ 7:30 pm)

November 9, 2010 - Board of Supervisors meeting (workshop at 7:00 pm, formal meeting @ 8:00 pm) **(Conditional Use Hearing)**

All meetings are held at the Township Building and are open to the public. The plans are available for review during normal business hours. Please give me a call at 610-692-7171 or email me at mgordon@eastgoshen.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Gordon
Township Zoning Officer

Cc: All Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions