

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
November 4, 2010**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, November 4, 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
Ben Rohrbeck –Historical Commission
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary
Erich Meyer - Resident
Arthur Jones – Resident
John Sherlock – Representing Ss. Simon & Jude CYO

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember our Armed Forces.

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

2. MINUTES

Bob moved to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2010 meeting as corrected. Ruth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures for October 2010. Ann Marie questioned the deficit of \$9,000 shown for the Summer Youth Program because last month it was only \$1,500. Ruth commented that the check she gave to participate in a program has still not cleared her account and the program is almost done. She was told by Township staff that they hold the checks until they get a large batch. She feels delays like this may be causing problems with prompt allocation on the financial reports. Since there were so many questions this month, Ann Marie will set up a meeting with the Finance Department for a review.

4. STAFF REPORTS

A. Frank reported that the yard sale went well. About 150 people signed up. However, when someone signs up for a neighborhood, there may be several others participating. Current programs are going well.

The Pumpkin Festival was excellent and well attended. There were no empty parking spaces. Frank thanked board members who helped and gave a special thanks to Mark Miller and his staff.

The Shredding Day, Oct. 23rd, was very successful. There was a line of cars waiting for the truck to arrive at 9 am. They needed a second truck. Most of the people were from Hershey's Mill and read about it in the Township Newsletter. Penn National Bank paid for the 1st truck and the YMCA paid for the 2nd truck. There are 2 filled buses for the New York City trip on Dec. 4th. There is a waiting list.

Neighbor to Neighbor Day, Sat. Nov. 20th. Meet at the Township Building at 9 am. Frank has 6 properties to clean up and 16 volunteers so far. He needs at least 35. He contacted the local churches. Home Depot contributed 100 leaf bags. He estimates he will need 300. He also contacted Loews for bags. He will contact Wawa for refreshment donations. He will look at the properties this coming week to determine the need.

Problems – Field use issues with Ss. Simon & Jude CYO.

5. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Ss. Simon & Jude – John Sherlock, 1703 Bow Tree Drive, was the spokesman for Ss. Simon & Jude. He and Gary McAnaney, Athletic Director, want to express how grateful they are for the East Goshen Park.

He grew up in Collingdale and they had to clear the glass off the field before they could play. So, they really appreciate the East Goshen Park and everything it offers.

75% of the children are East Goshen residents. They have 2 more games at the park this year and will have a parking attendant at those events. Frank verified that he was informed that a parking monitor will be there this Saturday for the flag football game.

John proposed to work on a plan during the off season and bring it back to the Board for review. Ruth asked them to consider how they will communicate the rules to everyone including the guest teams. Bob, who was Athletic Director for the WCASD, mentioned that the directors met to review rules.

Vicki relayed what she saw at the park this past weekend when they had their homecoming game. One person actually drove over the lawn.

Mr. Jones hoped that they listened to what Vicki said especially about the organization being too big for the facility now. He was in the park Saturday and Sunday and saw cars parked on the grass but none in the parking spaces on the other side of the park.

John doesn't think the program is any bigger than it was 7 years ago – about 30 children. He pointed out that sometimes there is a soccer game too so that causes parking issues and some people will break the rules. He asked the Board not to jeopardize a program that does so much for the children just because a few aren't doing what they should. He asked for a chance to come up with a solution. He will be responsible for setting up a plan to answer the problems.

Ann Marie pointed out that the original group came and made a great presentation and the next year the Board approved their request for goal posts. John acknowledged the great job Dan Reardon did starting this program.

Gary said he has been coaching for 8 years and Athletic Director for 3 years. They also rent space at the Goshen Fire Company. It is very important to them to maintain a good relationship with the Township. He knows of other schools that lost the use of fields and it is difficult finding space. This year the homecoming game caused a lot of excitement. Last year they had to cancel it due to rain. At the end of every use of the field, parents walk the area to clean up. The Board acknowledged that there is no problem with trash.

Donna Maddox grew up in N. Philadelphia where there's no open space. They moved to Chicago and came to the East Goshen Park to see a friend's child play. They knew this is where they wanted to be. She thanked Frank for all of his help this past weekend. But she also said that a policeman once told her to move her car up on the grass.

Gary said that, until 3 years ago, he used to pull his front tires onto the grass to be sure there was enough space for 2 cars to pass by.

Steve McGinn, Clocktower Woods, has 2 sons in college who were in the program. He was at the Park early, left for a while and when he returned there were no parking spaces near the football area but there were plenty on the other side of the Park.

John will be in touch with Frank and the Board when they have a plan to offer.

Ann Marie asked Frank to check with Mark about the number of parking spaces in the park, the capacity of fields/participants the park can hold at one time, and the size of the parking spaces.

B. Fees - Ann Marie said the Board of Supervisors wants the Park Board to review fees and set a goal to have all costs covered by 2012.

Ben mentioned that the TAG report also wants the Board to cover the overhead of Frank. Ben feels that adding programs will help offset costs rather than cutting programs.

Frank is looking into a possible grant to help cover some costs of the Summer Youth Program. Also, he will be attending seminars on fundraising.

The Board reviewed the fees and increased them as follows:

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| 1. | Pavilion Fees (1-100 people) | \$100 * (was \$85) |
| 2. | Pavilion Fees (over 100 people) | \$200 * (was \$150) |
| 3. | Satellite Parks per event | \$ 75 * (was \$40) |
| 4. | Tennis Court Key – residents | \$ 30 (was \$15) |
| 5. | Tennis Court Key –non-residents | \$ 50 (was \$30) |
| 6. | Tennis Court use by groups | \$ 25 per one court/per unit (was \$15)** |
| 7. | Field Use Fee per unit | \$ 30 (was \$15) ** |

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| 8. | Summer Youth Program/week resident | \$ 75 | (was \$60) |
| 9. | Summer Youth Program/week
Non-resident | \$100 | (was \$70) |
| 10. | Summer Youth Program/week
Discount for a family with 3+ kids | \$ 5 | (was \$5) |
| 11. | Volleyball Sand Court/unit | \$ 30 | (was \$15) |

* Residents will submit a refundable deposit fee by separate check and will only have this returned if the area is left as they found it. The deposit is 50% of the fee.

** Units are time slots as follows:
 7 am – 12 noon
 12 pm – 5 pm
 5 pm – dusk

Vicki moved to have a deposit for field use the same as for pavilion use. There was no second to the motion.

Bob moved to approve the increased fees for 2011 effective for use after January 1, 2011. Vicki seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. LIASION REPORTS

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE/REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

None

9. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

A. Vicki said the new bridge in Applebrook looks good. Others present at the meeting agreed. However, there are concrete barriers and cones in the area along Line Road where there is supposed to be 2 parking spaces, a trash can and dog bag dispenser. Mr. Jones asked if the bridge was going to have non-skid treads. Ann Marie will contact Mark Miller with these comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ann Marie apologized that there was not enough time to complete all the items on the agenda. There being no further business, Vicki moved to adjourn the meeting. Ruth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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