

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
December 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, December 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: Phyllis Marron, and Ruth Scadding.

Others present for the Executive Session: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 Board went into Executive Session from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

REGULAR MEETING:

Others present: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary
Mark Miller, Public Works Director
Thom Clapper, Township Supervisor
Eric Meyer, Resident

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

2. MINUTES

Ruth moved to accept the minutes from the November 4, 2010 meeting. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures for November 2010. Frank explained that, although more trips were taken than originally scheduled this year, the Township will make a profit.

Frank will check with Deb to find out what is included in the General Expense item.

4. STAFF REPORTS

A. Before Frank started his report, Ruth Scadding provided the "Sound Off " Section of the 11/24/2010 Daily Local News. It was a thank you from Louise for all Frank did on the Neighborhood Day.

Frank reported that, in the next Newsletter, he is acknowledging all the sponsors of events this year.

The Amerikids will be celebrating their 20th anniversary so Frank made a certificate to present to them.

There were five special events this Fall and Frank thanked the Board members for their help.

The Board wants to have a shredding day again next year. Frank said 16,000 pounds of paper were shredded. Most of the people came from Hershey's Mill. Frank said the Goshen Fire Co. would like to sell doughnuts at next year's shredding day.

Ann Marie acknowledged the letter from Caroline Weisbecker who wanted to let everyone know how much she appreciates Frank and all the programs he oversees.

B. Mark reported that he ordered 2 gates. One for Line Road and the other at Millcreek.

Mark met with a boy scout who wants to do work at a ball field for a project. The scout will get funding for the project. He will make a presentation at the January 2011 meeting.

The sewer plant expansion is complete. Mark had a split rail fence left over from the project and suggested putting it on the berm at Line Rd. and Paoli Pike. The Board approved.

Mark would like to put in additional parking in the interior circle on the Soccer/Football field side of the East Goshen Park. This will create 50 more parking spaces. The new parking will mirror the existing

parking. The cost would be very minimal because he will take the gravel and stone from the sewer plant, where there was a temporary parking area, and use it in the park. He can have it done by the end of December. Ruth Scadding moved to approve Mark's request to use materials/millings from the sewer plant to make about 50 parking spaces in East Goshen Park as indicated on the map Mark provided. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark looked into the cost for non-skid material for use on the bridge in Applebrook. It was \$750 per roll. He will continue to look. He had the bridge in East Goshen Park pressure washed and it is in good shape.

5. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. Field Fees for 2011 - The Board reviewed the fee increases they approved last month. The Board of Supervisors wants a comparison to surrounding townships. Frank provided a chart comparing fees and will give it to Rick Smith. Frank reported that he turns down about 30 requests for the pavilion from non-residents. About 10 groups per year have over 100 people. He is considering changing the number of weeks for the Summer Program from 6 to 5 in 2011. After discussion, Ruth Scadding moved to approve the revised Fee schedule for 2011 to the following:

1. Pavilion Fees (1-100 people) \$100; Deposit \$50 (was \$85)
2. Pavilion Fees for over 100 people, \$200; Deposit \$100
this includes non-residents and any corporate permits
(was \$150 and never issued permits for non-residents)
3. Satellite Parks per event \$50; \$25 Deposit (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 \$30 is for 3 courts / per unit of time (was \$15)
7. Field Use Fee per unit \$30 (was \$15)
8. Summer Youth Program/week resident \$70 (was \$60)
9. Summer Youth Program/week/non-resident \$90 (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)

Units of time 7am – noon
12pm – 5pm
5pm – dusk

Residents and Non-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.

Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ann Marie will send the new schedule to Rick Smith.

Topic for discussion at the January meeting is a \$500 refundable deposit for leagues using the fields.

B. Goals & Objectives – Discussion tabled to the January meeting.

6. LIASION REPORTS

A. Conservancy Board – Ann Marie reported for Bob who is on vacation. The Conservancy Board wants the Park Board to use the remaining funds in the Budget for Weeds Inc. They also want to be included in any grants the Park Board applies for.

B. Historical Commission – Ruth reported that they discussed the new sign for the Blacksmith Shop, their budget and goals for 2011, and plan to update the list of historic properties.

C. Board of Supervisors – Thom said they are continuing to work on the 2011 budget. Refuse fees should decrease. Liberty Tower will be back in January for their request to put up a cell tower in back of the Wawa on Paoli Pike. The BOS has appointed 4 new members to the 503 (c) 4 committee. They need a total of 10 and prefer people with a financial background.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE/REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

None

9. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ruth moved to adjourn the meeting. Phyllis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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