

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
January 6, 2011**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, January 6, 2011 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: Phyllis Marron, Bob Huebner and Vicki Wooters. Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Ben Rohrbeck, Historical Commission
Sue Ciorletti, Historical Commission
Thom Clapper, Township Supervisor
Chris Burger, Boy Scout

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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Since Bob and Vicki would have to abstain, there was not a quorum that could vote. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

3. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures for December 2010. Phyllis asked why we were over budget for 2010 General Expense. Frank said that the money spent for General expense covers pretty much the same items as the Miscellaneous line in the budget. In the Miscellaneous category, we were way under budget. It depends what expense is allocated to what category. The items that money is expended for in these two categories include items for special events and some office supplies used for recreation programs. Phyllis wanted to know why we were slightly over budget on tennis keys and said that the line item incorrectly is called tennis tags. Frank said the cost of the keys went up very slightly and was not anticipated.

Vicki said that Frank's overtime must be included in the cost of an event. She suggested that he take comp time during the week of a special event that causes overtime. Frank said that he would have to neglect another duty to take comp time. He said that in 2010 there were 29 programs, trips and special events to take care of. Phyllis said we should have fewer activities.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Frank reported that the New York City trip went well. Next week Frank will be attending a workshop about grants and needs an idea to focus on. No suggestions were given.

Fireworks – Mr. Belber, Applebrook Golf Club, won't be making a donation for the 2011 fireworks. The total from other donors last year was \$4,000 – 5,000. The first year we had fireworks was the best attendance because we had a great band and did lots of advertising. Last year there were only about 400 people. Frank feels the decrease was because of a lack of advertising and no band.

Frank sent Holiday/Thank You cards to all the past donors. Without fundraising there can't be fireworks this year. Frank reminded everyone of the time he needs to make arrangements, and the Board of Supervisors will make the final decision. Vicki moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the township should not have fireworks in 2011. Phyllis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Leadership Charter School – Several students from this school helped on the good neighbor day and discussed helping Frank with Twitter. Frank will contact the leader of the school to follow up on this idea.

Frank provided a report for the Board members showing the number of participants in programs for 2010. There were 29 programs, trips and special events with a total of 3,700 East Goshen residents participating.

5. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

a. Election of Officers for 2011. Ruth Scadding was elected Chairman and Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore was elected Vice Chairman. The Board appointed Ruth Kiefer as secretary.

b. Boy Scout Camp – After discussion, the Board voted to deny the permit requesting use of East Goshen Park for a Boy Scout Camp because of the use of archery. Ann Marie abstained.

c. Goals and Objectives - Ann Marie will make the presentation at the annual ABC meeting, this Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. Several items were discussed including a balanced budget by 2012, toilet for Applebrook Park, modify park rules and regulations, find grant opportunities, implement TAG suggestions, consider increasing number of Board members from 5 to 7, a maintenance plan for Applebrook Park, etc.

d. Eagle Scout Project - Chris Burger, who is seeking to satisfy his Eagle Scout project requirements, gave a presentation to the Board. He supplied a handout with details on it. He said he met with Mark and Frank about the project. Frank said he is impressed with Chris and his project and that Mark feels the same way. Chris has proposed a plan to upgrade the Mill Creek baseball field with the following improvements: remove weeds and repair the sunken floors in both dugouts, establish foul lines and install foul poles, create an "on-deck" area for batters to warm up, and create two coaches boxes. The P&R board approved the project unanimously.

e. Park Permits – Frank provided the permit applications that he has received for 2011. All are for either of the two pavilions. Frank wants to continue notifying the Board only about permits for large groups/events. The Board wants an updated calendar for all future permits of any size once per month. Frank explained how he runs the ball field permit scheduling meeting in February. Ann Marie and Vicki want to be involved in that meeting this year. Frank feels the rules and regulations and some other items on the current permit need to be reviewed and possibly changed. This has to be done soon since the Board of Supervisors has to approve any changes. The Board will have a workshop in January to discuss permits only, date to be determined. Vicki does not want to permit the area in the middle of the circle at East Goshen Park for football.

f. Email Policy – Ann Marie explained that the Township has a new email archiving system. The chairman of each ABC will be given a township email address which the ABC's should use for Township business.

6. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

a. Applebrook Park - The Board discussed getting a management plan for Applebrook Park. Bob explained what items need to be covered by a written plan. There is grant money available for this project. Vicki feels that the Township has been maintaining East Goshen Park well for years and doesn't see a need for this. Art Jones, resident, commented that the need is for a long term development plan for what the Township wants Applebrook to be in the future.

b. East Goshen Park Restrooms – Vicki asked why only one of the restrooms in East Goshen Park is open in the winter. It was explained that this decision was made a while ago to save money. She wants to know how much is saved. Also, she suggested that a sign be posted at the closed restrooms stating that the other is open.

7. LIAISON REPORTS

a. Conservancy Board – No report since Bob was on vacation.

b. Historical Commission – Ben reported that there was no meeting in December. This year is the Civil War anniversary so events this year will follow that theme.

c. Board of Supervisors – Thom reminded everyone about the Annual Planning Meeting at 8:00 am this Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. The BOS wants a progress report from each ABC about goals in the Comprehensive Plan – what is done and what needs to be done. Tuesday, February 8, 2011 the BOS will meet with the Park & Recreation Board to discuss items in the TAG report. This meeting was requested by the Park Board.

Phyllis was appointed for another 5-year term on the Park Board.
Carson Middleton, Township Auditor, has resigned. BOS is looking for a replacement.
The BOS approved the new Park fees for 2011.
A resident from Pin Oaks complained about the geese. Thom checked it out at the pond and it is awful.
Mark Miller will turn off the aerator in the pond so ice can form which may deter the geese.
Work has started to link the traffic lights along Paoli Pike and install ADA curbing at the intersections.
“Save the Dam Committee” is planning some fundraisers in the Spring.

8. NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

Ann Marie will submit an article by Feb. 9th for the April 1st newsletter.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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