

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
March 3, 2011**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ruth Scadding at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were: Phyllis Marron, Bob Huebner and Ann Marie Moore-Fletcher.

Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Thom Clapper, Township Supervisor
Lisa O'Neill & Don Evons, Friends of East Goshen
Adam Knox , Conservancy Board
Ben Rohrbeck, Historical Commission
Sue Ciorletti, Historical Commission
Erich Meyer - Resident
Arthur Jones - Resident
Representatives from various sports leagues

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. REVIEW PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

Members of the various organizations that use East Goshen Park attended the meeting to hear what changes were made to the permit application and the rules and regulations. Each representative was given a copy of the new permit application/rules & regulations. Ruth thanked them for attending the meeting and for their cooperation with Frank in the permitting process. She asked them to distribute copies to their managers, coaches, parents, etc. She explained the changes. Bob mentioned that about 40 new parking spaces were added at the park. The flag system was reviewed.

Frank introduced Mark, who said that when the fields are dry, they will start to prepare them for use. Frank will notify the leagues when the fields are ready. He will send out a calendar with the reserved dates. Any time that was originally scheduled before March 19th will not be charged. If there are any problems, please call him. Mr. Jones mentioned that he saw a young man playing on the soccer field last Sunday when the red flag was up. He asked who monitors the park when the flag is red. Frank said the police can be called and they do patrol the park occasionally.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob moved to approve the minutes for the February 22, 2011 workshop meeting as corrected. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures for February 2011.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Frank reported that the bus for the Cherry Blossom trip is filled and he is taking names for the waiting list.

Newsletter - Tia Piccalo is the staff member taking care of the Newsletter. She is very thorough so they have proofed it and it should be mailed out soon.

Frank attended a workshop called "No Child Left Behind" which dealt with liability issues in a camp and children with special needs. Frank has been doing most of the things they discussed all along in the summer recreation camp.

Facebook and Twitter – Don is looking into this on behalf of the township. It would have to be run on a separate computer not connected to the township network because of viruses etc. Frank questioned

having student interns. Ann Marie commented that as long as they are visible there should be no problem.

Farmers' Market – Lisa is a member of PASA, PA Sustainable Agriculture, which runs out of the Penn State Extension. They help to get markets started, they are very helpful and have good information. She met with several local markets to see how they operate. She feels there would be a waiting list for a market in East Goshen Park on Wednesday. She suggested getting feedback from the community over the next few months. The vendors she spoke with were very excited about the possibility. Spots can be sold for \$150 to \$300. She will be attending a PASA meeting in Exton.

Youth Rec Camp – In the past, camp has started right after school is done for the summer. This year Frank is not starting until the second week after school is done. The first week usually has lower attendance. There will be 5 weeks of regular camp. There will be a 6th week which will be called “A Week On Wheels”. Every day there will be a trip. The one criteria is that the children must have been enrolled at least one out of the five weeks of regular camp. He must have 100 children and the fee will be different for the 6th week. On the Friday of the 6th week, Frank wants to have a field day with West Goshen which would include a course on bike safety. West Goshen is considering this proposal. Frank is researching costs. He has also asked ACAC if he could use their facility for an overnight during camp.

Water Walking – Phyllis mentioned that there are lots of complaints about the water being cold. Frank explained that this is a water workout. When you workout, your body heat warms you. If the water was hot too, you will overheat which is not good. Adam mentioned that ACAC has increased the temperature of the water. Frank will call the participants to get feedback. Thom asked if any of the trips in the 6th week will be duplicates of trips in the regular weeks. Frank will use the favorite trips so there may be some duplicates.

Mark reported that they started cleaning up East Goshen Park this week.

The new parking area and pathway should be done by the end of March. They cut a path up to the soccer field for handicapped access. The materials for this project came from the Sewer Plant project expansion saving \$4,250.00. He proposed the pathway at a previous meeting. Currently path users walk the backside of the circle to get their mileage. It will be much safer to keep the walkers on the pathway rather than the road.

Tennis Courts – The back courts are fine. The front courts have several large cracks in them. American Tennis Courts came out on Wednesday to look at the courts.

Poison Ivy – Mark proposed to use Top Crops for treating poison ivy along the pathways. It will cost \$1,990.00 for six treatments. Ann Marie moved to approve this cost. Phyllis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Striping – Mark proposed to use Brite Strip to paint crosswalks, speed humps, parking stalls, stop bars, handicap stalls and entrance ways in the amount of \$1,260.00. Phyllis moved to approve this cost. Bob seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

a. Review Park Rules and Regulations – Ruth reported that the Board of Supervisors questioned why the Park Board is getting into specifics regarding the rules and regulations. They feel that if you get too specific, the ordinance has to be changed which has a cost to it. They asked the Park Board to review the ordinance and take the rules and regulations out of the ordinance. Then the rules and regulations can be made into a resolution which can be changed. The Board decided that review of the ordinance will be the topic of discussion at the workshop scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 10:00 am. The Board members need a copy of the current ordinance.

b. Ruth commented that it is very important that the Park Board members all assist with events research, etc. She contacted the person in charge of the Penn State Delco Arts & Crafts Show and is waiting for a response. Bob got a list of events in the area by month. Lisa suggested calling Malvern because they have 2 shows per year. Ruth has not received a call back from Kelly's regarding the food vendor they use.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Ruth received a letter from Colleen Crossed who is one of the contractors offering services as part of the spring recreation programs. Participants can pay for classes by using credit cards or Paypal,

which is easy and convenient. She urged the township to make on-line payments possible for the programs offered in the future.

b. Information was received from the Phila. 76ers Summer Hoops Tour. However, they need an indoor site in case of rain and it wasn't clear what East Goshen would receive from it. Frank will follow up.

8. LIAISON REPORTS

a. Conservancy Board – Bob reported that a group from CRC and ING will help with a cleanup at the Reservoir Reserve on April 21, 2011. They want to install bat houses and will set up a maintenance plan. Adam feels they will be installed near the tree line. Ruth wants to see the plan of the locations and maintenance.

Ginnie is contributing \$500.00 for an understory planting at Line Rd and Paoli Pk. The Conservancy Board will match the \$500.00. Erich pointed out that, if the planting is done too close to Paoli Pike and deer are attracted to it, this could be a safety hazard. Mark will meet with Ginnie and Adam. Ruth would like to be at the meeting too.

Adam raised the issue of mowing in Applebrook. Mark said they only mow Applebrook one a month in the areas along the path.

b. Historical Commission – Ben reported that there will be a major shift from Revolutionary War to the Civil War this year. The Plank House and Blacksmith Shop will not be open on Sundays. The hours for Saturday were extended to 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Each month regiments with East Goshen residents will be included in the tour. The Plank House parlor will be a tavern.

Sat. June 4, 2011 is Living History Day. Two Civil War regiment re-enactors will be there.

Chester County Day in October this year will feature the East Goshen area.

Ben mounted the bellows in the blacksmith shop.

c. Board of Supervisors – Phyllis reported that they spent most of the meeting on Liberty Towers. The BOS is looking at sites in the East Goshen Park and at the Township complex.

Thom reported that Liberty Towers was denied by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. If the Zoning Hearing Board denies their request, it will probably go to court.

March 8, 2011 the Finance Dept. will give a summary of 2010 and progress through January 2011.

The Board won't be attending the conference in Hershey PA this year.

Thom said there will be another goose roundup in July. The maximum will be 300.

9. NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

Need due date for July 1st Newsletter.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bob moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The Park Board went into executive session at 9:30 pm and adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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