

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
March 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ruth Scadding just after 10am. Other board members present were: Phyllis Marron, Bob Huebner and Ann Marie Moore-Fletcher.

Others present were:

Thom Clapper, Township Supervisor
Adam Knox , Conservancy Board
Rick Smith, Township Manager for a portion of the meeting
Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation

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 and disaster victims in Japan.

2. REVIEW PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

Bob Huebner had a question regarding the township ordinances that pertain to Park and Rec. Frank summoned Rick to the meeting. Rick gave excellent insight as to what direction the Park Board should focus its attention. The Park Board discussed rules and regulations on the back of the Park Permit form and how they related to the ordinances. This discussion continued and the Board made some proposed revisions in rules and regulations on the Permit. Ruth Scadding led the discussion. The entire Park Board engaged in a lively exchange of ideas. The Board decided to allow a Permit to be submitted as late as a week before an event. They also decided that under rule #7, the words, "not to exceed \$300" should be deleted. Under rule #9, the Board decided that groups that wish to amplify sound would be given a copy of the township ordinance pertaining to this. In addition, Frank will verbally go over this rule with the aforementioned group. Rule #19 should inform permittees that violators will be subject to civil penalties and court costs. Rule #20 should state that the park rules are excerpted from the township ordinances. BOS member Thom Clapper asked pertinent questions during the discussion and Adam Knox of the Conservancy Board brought up several points for consideration.

The Park Board decided that permits are required to reserve a field, court, or pavilion in the active park. Also, any organized event in a passive park requires a permit. The Board decided that any organized event in any park that involves 40 or more people requires a permit. The Board decided to let Frank act as the Board's agent in the permit process.. Frank is to consult with Ruth Scadding if he there is an issue with a particular permit so Ruth can put the matter to the rest of the Board.

Rick suggested that the Park Board submit their suggestions to the BOS in April. Ruth Scadding said she would summarize the items discussed and email them to the Park Board.

3. DISCUSSION OF CRAFTS FAIRS

Ruth Scadding and Frank attended the Penn State Craft Fair on the Brandywine campus on Sunday, March 13. They had a discussion with the Fair organizer and then had conversations with several vendors at the event. There 90 vendors at the Fair and each was charged \$60 to set up their wares. In addition, it was suggested that a food vendor could be contracted to service the event. A \$2500 fee was mentioned as something that some organizations charge food service vendors. The PSU Fair organizer is going to contact Ruth and Frank. A meeting at East Goshen Park will be scheduled with Ruth, Frank, the organizer, Mark Miller and Ann Marie. The Park Board discussed a time frame for any Fair event that might be planned. The consensus was the Park Board could use an event like this to help to fulfill its mission of raising additional revenues.

4. THE EGG HUNT

Ruth Scadding has been in contact with Jennifer at Penn Liberty Bank, Penn Liberty has offered to supply bags for the hunt as well as some items to be put in them. Thom Clapper said he would stop at the bank after the meeting to discuss hunt supplies and Ruth said she would follow up as would Frank. Ruth wrote a letter for the Park Board's review concerning prospective donors participation in sponsoring the hunt.

5. OTHER

Bob Huebner and Adam Knox discussed proposed understory plantings at Applebrook Park. It was decided that members of the two Boards meet at the park on a weekday and have Mark Miller attend.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Bob Huebner made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Ann Marie seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Vattilano

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