

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
April 7, 2011**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, April 7, 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, Ann Marie Moore-Fletcher, and Vicki Wooters.

Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller , Director of Public Works
Thom Clapper, Township Supervisor
Lisa O'Neill, Friends of East Goshen
Adam Knox , Conservancy Board
Sue Ciorletti, Historical Commission
Erich Meyer - Resident
Arthur Jones – Resident
Michele Gunian - Resident

A. 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 would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Bob moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2011 meeting as corrected. Phyllis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed. Vicki abstained.
2. Bob moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011 workshop meeting. Phyllis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed. Vicki abstained.

C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There will be a workshop on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 10:00 am.

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Frank reported that the Mature Drivers Class finished today. There were 16 participants. The Cherry Blossom trip went very well. The cherry blossoms were beautiful. Frank used Klein bus service and the driver was very good.

This March was the busiest ever for Frank. The following is a summary:

- a. Attended a Blogging Conference on March 26th sponsored by the Daily Local News
- b. Attended the PRPS State Convention on March 27 & 28
- c. Was interviewed by Hershey's Mill Channel 20 about the township summer camp
- d. He is still interviewing people for the music position for the summer camp
- e. Working on the social media networks – interviewing possible student interns, getting a computer set up for this
- f. TD Bank may give a larger contribution this year
- g. Beneficial Bank, Penn Liberty, and Chik-Fil-A are sponsors for the Egg Hunt.
- h. Park & Rec members please come at 9 am for the Egg Hunt
- i. He contacted the Daily Local about the Egg Hunt.

2. Mark reported that representatives from the Natural Lands Trust and PA Environmental Council came to see Applebrook Park today. Mark showed them possible sites for a meadow. There is DCNR grants available for meadows.

The ball fields were prepared for play with the exception of the T-ball fields which have been too wet to walk on. The second rest room was put in service on March 28. The water fountains will be turned on when it gets warmer.

They removed a lot of multiflora rose and Japanese honeysuckle from various locations in the park. They completed the installation of millings for the new pathway.

As reported earlier this week, the damage at the Mill Creek ball field was repaired on Tuesday, March 28. They also installed large boulders to prevent vehicles from entering the field.

Mark presented a quote to repair the tennis courts that cracked over the winter in the amount of \$5,435.00. If the Park Board recommends that the work be done, he will send it to the Board of Supervisors for their approval since the expense is over \$5,000. Vicki made a motion to recommend that the tennis courts be repaired for \$5,435.00. Bob seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

At the request of a resident, Mr. Brown, Mark got pricing to put a port-a-potty in Applebrook Park. For a regular unit with weekly cleaning included it would cost \$95.00 per week. For a handi-cap unit including cleaning, it would cost \$200.00 per week. Since there are no funds in the 2011 budget for this expense, the Board did not act on this.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Egg Hunt – Ruth announced that Wegman’s is going to donate bananas for the Egg Hunt. Frank commented that the mascot for Chik-Fil-A will be there to give out coupons. The bunny this year will be Frank’s wife.

2. Resolution - Thom wanted to verify that the purpose of requiring a permit is to require a reservation and restrict the number of people in an organized activity. Also, sound amplification will be at the discretion of the Park & Recreation Director and/or police officer. The Board responded yes.

3. Farmers Market – Lisa O’Neill did some fact finding and provided information on other markets in the area, a list of items to consider when setting up a market, and a copy of a survey she sent out to current market managers. She is meeting with the manager of the Phoenixville market next week. Lisa feels there will be no problem getting vendors to participate. For the first year there would probably be about 15 vendors. She likes the area around the Veterans Pavilion. She feels that if decisions were made in a timely fashion, East Goshen could have something for the fall. Bob feels that the next step should be to present a plan to the Board of Supervisors. Lisa will get the results of the survey to the Board as soon as she receives input.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jones feels this will end up being more costly to the township. More people in the park equals more maintenance.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tot Lot – The board received a suggestion from resident, Michele Gunian, who requested a swing for special needs children. She suggested that it have a high weight requirement, straps and reclines. Mark showed a picture of the one he found and she suggested the adult size so it fits all children. Mark feels it can be installed on the current swing rack. Bob made a motion to purchase a high backed swing seat for up to \$300. Phyllis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Park Rules – The large wooden sign in East Goshen Park, showing the park rules, is out of date and doesn’t match the new resolution. Also, they need to be updated on the website and the permit application. Mark will take down the signs and will notify Rick Smith about the website and application.

G. ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Financial report was reviewed by the board. Vicki asked about the cost for the conference Frank attended and the membership to the PA Recreation and Parks Society. Frank is the only one who has the membership and this provides a discount for the conference.

Vicki questioned the report. She feels it isn’t balanced and has questions about the expenses and revenues and the way they are recorded.

H. LIASION REPORTS

1. Board of Supervisors – Thom reported that they are looking at cell tower proposals. Concerns are revenue and appearance. The Zoning Hearing Board will see Liberty Towers on April 27, 2011.

New sewer rates will take effect in April. There was a contest for those who signed up for Constant Contact on the website. First prize is a print of the Blacksmith Shop. The deadline for the next newsletter article is April 27th. The extra parking lot for the YMCA is started. The Township is selling the Ford Explorer that was used by the Fire Marshall.

2. Conservancy Board – Bob reported that they discussed the bat boxes. April 21st is Earth Day. Judy Schafer presented George Clymer as a possible name for the new forest area .in Applebrook Park. He was a signer of the Constitution and lived in East Goshen.

Ruth reported that she met Brian Del Monte and Ginnie Newlin and walked Applebrook Park. They discussed weed control, and ways to foster wildlife. An understory helps to control invasives. They do not want to put anything along Paoli Pike. The area they are considering is right after you come off the new bridge.

3. Historical Commission – Sue reported that they are working to change over to the Civil War era. June 4th is Living History Day.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

J. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

1. Newsletter deadline is April 27, Phyllis will do the article.
2. Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day is this Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 am
3. The Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 16 at East Goshen Park at 10 am

K. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ann Marie moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The Park Board and guests packed bags for the Egg Hunt.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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