

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
May 5, 2011**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, May 5, 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
Ben Rorhbeck, Historical Commission
Sue Ciorletti, Historical Commission
Erich Meyer - Resident
Arthur Jones – 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. Phyllis moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2011 meeting as corrected. Bob seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

2. Phyllis moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011 workshop meeting as corrected. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed. Vicki abstained.

Mr. Jones asked the reason for these workshop meetings. Ruth Scadding explained that, with all of the projects the Board is planning this year, the additional meeting is needed to work on the details of these projects. The meetings are advertized and open to the public according to the Sunshine Law.

C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There will be no workshop on May 17, 2011 because it is the Primary Election day.

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Frank reminded everyone that this Saturday, May 7, 2011 is the Township Yard Sale. He still has the same number of participants at the Township building, but the numbers are down throughout the rest of the township. He feels we only need to have one yard sale per year and suggested skipping the Fall yard sale. Ann Marie suggested having it at the Township building and possibly the East Goshen Elementary school. She feels there should be a charge for these spaces. People with large items should have a photo available. Frank mentioned that he is going to have coffee and refreshments as in the past. The Board does not want this expense in the future. Ben voiced concern about charging a fee. Vicki moved to have one yard sale in the Spring. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Paoli Hospital – The hospital was awarded the 13th Best in the U.S. out of 20. Ruth, Thom and Frank met with a representative from the hospital. They want to be involved in our programs. They have no funds to offer this year. They offered to give seminars at the Summer Program. Ruth passed around a list of things they do, i.e. a doctors band, etc. Thom mentioned that the Hospital wants to have a run in Applebrook.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Farmers' Market - Ruth reported that Lisa O'Neill is still gathering information. The Board of Supervisors gave approval to look into this. Several people have responded to the Arts & Crafts Show article in the Township Newsletter. The Park Board needs to generate revenue. Vicki likes the idea but doesn't want to run it or lose money. She feels there should be a fee structure by vendor or a fee for the market. Mr. Jones voiced concern about the extra maintenance of the park that will be required.

2. 501.c.3 April 27th meeting – Ruth and Bob attended that meeting and gave them the Park Board's "wish list". Bob mentioned that a Community Day was at the top of the Board's list. The 501.c.3 members did not feel there was enough time to raise money for the June 25, 2011 date.

3. Community Day -Ruth reported that Senya was able to raise \$26,000 so far for a Community Day. Senya, Thom, Frank, Ruth Scadding, All Zuccarello from the Planning Commission, Hank Belber, Jared Viarengo and Bill Phillips (Applebrook) and Bruce Griffin (YMCA) had a meeting today to start working on the details for the Community Day. It will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011 starting at 4:00 p.m. The Y is providing concession stands, a moon bounce, an obstacle course and their band called the New Locals that plays top 40 music. Their staff will take care of these items. If the weather is a concern, a decision will be made by Frank, Mark Miller, Jared and Bruce by 2:00 p.m. on June 25th. The rain date will be Sunday, June 26th. Frank has made arrangements for the fireworks and will communicate with the FAA. The Helicopter Museum will provide a helicopter for kids to sit in. Thom and Senya are looking into other bands. Mark Miller and Frank will take care of the stage setup. Food will be supplied for the fire police and band members. The Boy Scouts can sell the light up jewelry. Ann Marie is very concerned that the Boy Scouts have always been a vendor to raise money. She is disappointed. Thom explained that the Y has guaranteed \$5,000 for the event, which they hope to raise from the concession stands. Ann Marie will see what the Boy Scouts want to do. In the past, they made from \$800 to \$2000. Vicki mentioned that she was at an event where people paid \$10 to have their picture taken with search dogs. Frank, Mark and Rick Smith will be in charge of the traffic. Hank Belber volunteered to ask Great Valley Soccer League if we can use their parking lot. The Fire Police will direct the parking again. Other possible areas for parking were the Chamber of Commerce, East Goshen Elementary School, Blacksmith shop.

Thom will take care of invitations to other officials.

Frank and Ruth will take care of advertizing.

Mark Miller will get porta-potties and lights.

A program will be given out which will give the agenda of events for the day and acknowledge all of the sponsors. Senya will take care of getting the programs made.

Frank, the Y and Ann Marie will work on children's activities.

On Tuesday, May 17th, Ruth, Mark, Frank and Bruce will meet at the park to discuss where things should go.

4. Memorials – Need to discuss pricing of trees and bushes. Tabled.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Grant for Meadows – Mark reported that the request was submitted to the DCNR. Mr. Neff, a resident of Applebrook Preserve, wants to see the plan. Ruth will notify him if we get the grant.

G. ANY OTHER MATTER

1. SE PA Tobacco Control Project – This is a project to restrict smoking in public parks. The Board feels this can't be enforced.

2. Vicki complained that Rover and a few other diesel vehicles are parking and running their vehicles in East Goshen Park. She wants to add something about this in the Park Rules. Mark will look into this.

3. Financial Reports – Fee Schedules – Vicki reported that she signed up for a session in the Boot Camp at East Goshen Park. In talking to the instructor, Vicki was surprised that the instructor was paying

\$400/month to run the camp. She said that on Saturday there was a Tai Chi class at 8:30 am and the Boot Camp couldn't use the area.

Frank explained that Colleen presented a proposal for the program to him. Originally she wanted to run it for 6 months. Frank advised her to do 3 months first, since it was a new program. He discussed the program with the Park Board several months ago. Colleen has the use of the East Goshen Park with no specific permit. She can use any area that is not being used. He further explained that for the contractor programs, he uses a contract not a permit. All fees are different depending on the contract; Tennis clinic is \$400 for 3 weeks, aerobics EGT collects the fees from the participants, yoga instructor pays \$5 per student, etc.

Vicki told Colleen that if she feels a mistake was made and asked her to come to the Park Board meeting. Vicki feels that instructor fees should be uniform like fees for fields, pavilions, etc. She stated that she thought this was unethical.

Frank was offended that she used the word "unethical" and Ann Marie stated that the Board has never done anything unethical with fees or meetings.

Ruth asked if the Board wants to change the fee structure. Ann Marie feels that these contractors are small business people and should be handled differently than the fields, etc. Bob feels that Colleen thought she would have 20 participants every week but isn't getting that kind of attendance.

Ruth feels that Vicki has a valid point and asked Vicki to make up a proposal and present it to the Board. Frank will contact Colleen.

H. LIASION REPORTS

1. Board of Supervisors – Phyllis reported that the Fire Company's new president Jerry Fokas Sr. The township permit coordinator position is open.

The Fire Marshall's Ford Explorer was sold for \$3,500.

The Community Day was approved.

May 9th 10:00 am will be the dedication of the new bridge in Applebrook.

May 26th 10:00 am the BOS will hold a long range financial meeting.

May 24th 7:00 pm will be a meeting to discuss the possible cell tower at the township building.

This meeting is open to the public.

2. Conservancy Board – Bob reported that they walked Applebrook to discuss the planting at the new bridge. Bob contacted Rob Rombolt at Kellys about signs. He is waiting for a call back.

3. Historical Commission – June 4th is Living History Day.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A thank you note was received from Phyllis for her 80th birthday celebration.

J. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

1. Newsletter topics will be discussed at the next meeting.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Phyllis moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 2, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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