

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Workshop
September 20, 2011**

The regular workshop of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ruth Scadding at 10am. Other board members present were: Ruth Scadding, Phyllis Marron, Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore, Bob Huebner, and Erich Meyer.

Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation

A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ruth, Chairman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman asked for 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

Bob moved to approve the minutes of the September 1st, 2011 meeting. Erich seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth presented an email sent by a Mr. Bove objecting to the possibility of renting East Goshen Park facilities to private organizations like the YMCA. BOS Chairman, Senya Isayeff responded to Mr. Bove that any discussion on this matter will be done in a public meeting.

D. STAFF REPORTS

The Board moved directly to discussion of and issue pending in Old Business

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Park Board discussed a proposed partnership with the YMCA. Members of the Park Board and BOS member, Thom Clapper had met previously with Bruce Griffin concerning that organization's needs for the summer of 2012. Subsequently, Frank Vattilano met with Bruce and Chris Wiseman. The result of these meetings was that both the township and the YMCA feel that a partnership would benefit both. Discussion of the partnership at the workshop included the following: Ann Marie objected to use of the tot lot by the YMCA. Bob said that the township stands to benefit in return if we work out an agreement. Frank said that in his discussion with Bruce, the YMCA would be willing to provide East Goshen with some services that could help the recreation budget's bottom line. In return, he suggested the YMCA would not be charged the standard fees that would normally be charged for per unit use of the facilities. Ann Marie stated that she would like to see a financial statement from the YMCA which shows need for a lower rate. Bob said that during the hot summer days, park facilities are being under-utilized. Ann Marie and Ruth said that the tot lot gets lots of use and that a large contingent from the YMCA would negatively affect residents who bring their children each day. Ann Marie felt the playground equipment would suffer from overuse. Bob suggested that the YMCA could be tasked with allowing a limited number of children per time period and rotating them in during the day. Phyllis felt that the YMCA camp should not be permitted to use the tot lot due to the overcrowding that would result. Erich expressed concern on tot lot overcrowding but thought that we should not exclude them from it. Frank agreed. There was much discussion on this topic. Bob suggested that discussion turn to what the benefits of a partnership with the YMCA would be for East Goshen. He felt it is only natural that the YMCA partner with us. Frank had several ideas on how the East Goshen could benefit from this partnership. He said he felt very positive that an agreement can be worked out that will benefit East Goshen and that the end result would be a win-win for East Goshen and the YMCA. He said he would present a proposal to the Park Board of specific things that the YMCA could do for East Goshen that would benefit our budget bottom line. Ruth asked that Board members also come up with some ideas. Further discussion will take place and the matter will be treated as a high priority for a timely resolution.

2. Out Field Signs – Bob presented his Field Sponsorship proposal for review. It was very positively received by the Board. Discussion took place about the size of the signs, the composition, replacement fees for year to year use and possible damage to the signs. There will be further discussion.
3. There will be a Harvest Festival Committee meeting at 12pm today (Sept. 20th)

F. NEW BUSINESS

G. ANY OTHER MATTER

H. LIASION REPORTS

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Aforementioned letter from Mr. Bove.

J. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

No discussion

K. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ann Marie moved to adjourn the meeting. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12pm. **The next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2011.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation