

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
October 6, 2011**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, October 6, 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, Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore, Bob Huebner, Erich Meyer and Vicki Wooters.

Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Public Works Director
Thom Clapper, Township Supervisor
Ginnie Newlin, Conservancy Board
Adam Knox, Conservancy Board
Arthur Jones, Resident

A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The 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

Phyllis moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 workshop meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Eagle Scout Project – Frank introduced Jonathan Dubin, a senior at East High School. Jonathan is also one of the social media students who helps with the Township Facebook page. Jonathan provided diagrams of his proposed project which is to construct a set of pull up bars in East Goshen Park. There will be a youth bar and an adult bar. There will be metal pegs on the side of the frame to aid in slowly building up strength to do pull ups. The frame will be pressure treated wood with mulch on the ground. There will be a note board with instructions and a record for users to keep track of their progress. Jonathan will raise the funds for the project which will cost about \$300-600. Erich made suggestions to make the pegs safer. Mark and Frank will select the area in the park for this project. Bob moved to approve Jonathan's Eagle Scout Project to construct pull up bars in East Goshen Park. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jonathan still has to go through the Boy Scout approval process so he will probably start this project next Spring.
2. Plantings in Reforested Area – Ginnie Newlin explained how this area will change as the trees grow taller. She would like to put flowering dogwood trees, which are good understory trees, among the current trees. She has funding for 10 at this point. She will put stakes in the spots where the trees will go so Ruth and Mark can check it before the planting. Mark asked that the trees be planted to allow space for mowing. Adam would like this to be put on the Township's Facebook page. Ruth mentioned that two residents voiced concern about the visibility of people walking on the creek side of this trail when the grass is tall. Vicki suggested a bench be put in this area. The board liked Ginnie's plan and thanked her for presenting it to them

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Frank's report follows:
 - a. Programs – The New York City trip in December has one full bus and another ¾ full.Boot Camp - Frank met with Colleen who runs the Boot Camp in the park. When she first presented the plan to Frank for Spring 2011, she thought she would have enough participants to pay \$400 per month for use of the East Goshen Park facilities. Frank explained to Colleen that the Board agreed to lower her monthly fee from \$400 to \$250. However, she feels \$250 will be too much. She would like to pay \$150 per month and get a free month because she feels she overpaid

at the \$400 rate. Ann Marie feels it was her business plan and should not be given a free month. Bob moved to give her September for free and lower her monthly fee to \$150 per month until the end of 2011. This will be revisited next Spring. Erich seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 1 no from Ann Marie.

Frank announced that there has been a change in the red/green flag for the fields at East Goshen Park. On the website, the Park Status now takes you to a list of the different fields and shows which are open and which are closed. The soccer fields in the east side of the park do not drain well. But the base ball fields in the west side of the park do drain so they could be open when the soccer fields are not. He will still use the red/green flags at the entrances to the park to indicate which side is open or closed.

2. Mark's report follows:

- a. Linda Gordon donated some pine trees in memory of her husband Donald. The trees have been planted in the park.
- b. The Park Rules sign at the Hicks Pavilion will be replaced. Public Works is building a new sign that will be changeable.
- c. Public Works made a log bench out of one of the dead trees which will be put in the park.
- d. CTDI and United Way will be installing the Born Learning trail tomorrow from noon to 4 pm. It will be on the walkway by the Tot Lot. CTDI will do the maintenance. The township will keep the stencils and unused paint.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. YMCA Partnership - Ruth welcomed Bruce Griffin, Director of the YMCA and explained that the Park Board would have to present a proposal to the Board of Supervisors for their review and feedback. Concerning their summer camp, Bruce clarified that the Y is not requesting use of the Tot Lot. They would like to use the Veterans Pavilion and the area around it. They know what the rental fees would be and are aware that they will have to pay something towards the fees. But they do have access to resources that may provide more programs and lower fees for township residents to participate in programs. They need to have the proposal so they can work on their budget for 2012. It was decided that Ruth, Bob, Frank and Thom will meet with Bruce next Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 1:00 pm. Ruth asked the Board members to give her any additional ideas before that meeting.

2. Harvest Festival – Ruth reported that there are 24 arts and crafts vendors participating. A band will be playing all day. There will be free pumpkins available for the kids until they are gone. Frank will have events for the kids at two times - 12 noon – 1 pm and 3-4 pm. Vendors from the Farmers Market will be there and food vendors will be there. Saturday Oct 22, raindate Sunday Oct 23, 2011.

3. Outfield Signs – Bob reported that he presented the proposal for signs in the base ball outfields to the Planning Commission. They made some suggestions and Mark Gordon said a section to the ordinance will have to be added to include this. Bob changed the size from 4'x 8' to 3' x 5' to allow room for mowing. Vinyl lasts up to 5 years so it is the better fabric. The Board took off the requirement for a green border and green on the reverse side in order to lower the cost of the sign. The Township will install and remove the signs with a fee of \$35 for installation. Cost will be \$300 for the first year from April to November. The board liked the proposal and thanked Bob for his work on this. They would like to have it in place for next Spring. Bob will make the changes and present it to the Planning Commission.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. See Chairman's Report.

G. ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Vicki suggested presenting a plaque to Lisa O'Neil for all the work she has done with the Farmers Market.
2. Vicki suggested making the East Goshen Park smoke free. The Board agreed with this idea. Ruth will talk to Rick Smith about it.

H. LIASION REPORTS

1. Conservancy Board – Bob reported that they discussed the reforested area.
2. Board of Supervisors – Thom reminded everyone about the Chili Cookoff in West Chester this Sunday October 9th. The supervisors have entered their Plank House Chili and they want your votes. The Fall Newsletter is out. The supervisors had a meeting today to fine tune the wireless tower lease.
3. Historical Commission – They had a large article with several pictures in the Daily Local about their part in Chester County Day last weekend.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

None

J. DATES OF IMPORTANCE

No discussion

K. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Phyllis moved to adjourn the meeting. Erich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. **The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2011.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary