

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Workshop  
October 18, 2011**

The regular workshop meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10am 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, Heidi Karpa and Erich Meyer  
Also present was Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation

**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**

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Harvest Festival – The Harvest Festival will be held from 10am to 4pm to Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at East Goshen Park. There are many crafters, food vendors, and artists. The Facebook page has over 600 hits. It has a trivia element, Constant Contact info, and lots of great information. Heidi is doing a great job with it. Hands of children receiving pumpkins will be stamped. Park and Recreation Board members are being asked to come early- 8am if possible to help with set up. Goshen Fire Company Police will do the parking. Ruth mentioned that Frank is now a salaried employee and that special events and trips will not count as extra time.

2. YMCA Meeting- The Board went through the notes that Thom Clapper took at the meeting with the YMCA on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Items offered by the YMCA were Saturday Night Lights, days at their pool, continued cooperation for Community Day, Movie Nights at the park, partnering for Healthy Kids Day with maybe a run, a bike event, advertising and registration for trips and possible chaperones.

The YMCA offered instructors for our programs and a 50/50 split on registration fees. They offered to partner on a Shredding Day event and also to provide entertainment for the Pre School Entertainment series in the summer. They offered to include a Bullying Prevention Program as a component of our summer program and to provide CPR training for summer staff for the cost of the certification card. They would also be open to running a basketball tourney at the park and doing clinics for senior tennis and golf. Further clarification on details would have to be worked out.

The YMCA asked to be able to run their summer camp at the park from late June to mid August from 7am to 6pm on weekdays based at the Veterans Pavilion. The Board had a concern with a possible conflict with the Farmers Market but also said it would possibly bring more business to the market. The Board felt that the market should always take precedence. The YMCA asked to be able to have a storage/office locker at the park along with a generator. There would also be a bus parked in case of inclement weather. The buses engine would not be running. They asked to use park fields to host YMCA programs and clinics. They asked to take over scheduling of fields at the park and collection of fees. The Board conjectured that the YMCA might raise fees. They asked for a 3 year agreement to be signed. The Board felt that 3 years is too long and they would lean toward 1 or 2 years. The Board needs more information on the specific items the YMCA wants. There was a lengthy discussion about the YMCA scheduling the fields and whether current groups and leagues using the fields would be given an equitable share of time of use. The current WCASD agreement with East Goshen was brought up- it would be important that we continue that agreement which calls for the district having use of ball fields during afternoons in the spring in exchange for East Goshen Twp use of EG Elementary. A question about how the YMCA would determine whether a particular tenet is suitable for field use. The Board wants to see the proposed contract that Bruce Griffin from the YMCA will submit this week for consideration. The Board wants to know how the YMCA

will divvy up the fields if they schedule the park. The Board understands the time constraints both parties are dealing with. The Board feels that a 3 year contract is too long and would prefer a 1 year contract.

**H. LIASION ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. Historical Commission – Erich Meyer is the liaison to the Historical Commission

**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 1:30pm. **The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 7pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore, Vice Chairperson of the Park Board