

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
September 5, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman PJ Viloski at 7:00 pm. Commission members present were:

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore  
Betsy Williams  
Erich Meyer  
John Jamgochian  
Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation  
Rick Smith, Township Manager  
Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor  
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

PJ called the meeting to order and asked Erich to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Erich led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
PJ asked for a moment of silence for our troops.  
PJ asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

PJ noted that the minutes of August 8, 2013 were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Before the meeting tonight, PJ, John, Rick, and Mark met with Dolores Higgins, Chris Reardon, Monica Close and Kathryn Yahraes at Applebrook Park to discuss placement of the scout project shelter. The original location was on the Chamber side of the park, on the hilltop on the western side of the park. The Historical Commission felt this was in an historic area and asked that it be moved. The second location was down the hill tucked in the brush. Dolores felt it was too visible in this location. The final location is by the 2 sycamore trees on the path by the Chamber parking lot. Rick mentioned that there were people walking in this area.

Mark & Carmen met earlier in the day and talked to some people who were sitting on the bench that is by the sycamore trees now. When asked if they would use the shelter, they said yes. Rick located the sites on a map for the Commission members. The size of the shelter was discussed. PJ moved to relocate the shelter to the path by the 2 sycamore trees near the chamber parking lot and to reduce the size of the shelter. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mark will meet with the scout to discuss the changes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Park & Recreation 2014 Budget - The Commission members reviewed the major items for the 2014 budget as follows:

- a. Amphitheater - Mark will seed and straw the area before winter. He will have the electrical work done in early spring so the amphitheater will be ready for summer. Betsy mentioned that the 2013 Budget contained \$5,000 for events at the amphitheater. She contacted the Grease Band and it would cost \$3,000 for them to perform. So, what kind of events will be held there? Frank suggested having a big grand opening event to let people know it is ready. He had lots of ideas for its use. Rick and Mark estimate there is seating for about 200 people. Also grass will go up the hill so about 300 more people could sit on the grass. After discussion the Commission decided to request \$8,500 for the amphitheater events.
- b. Recycling Bins – Betsy feels a few more cans are needed. It was decided to request \$2,000.

c. Farmers Market – Ann Marie and John estimate \$10,000 will be the final cost for advertising for 2013. Joe asked how much has been raised this year. The numbers varied on the different reports the Commission members had access to, but year-to-date revenue is about \$3,700 and expenses are \$5,970. Ann Marie and John commented that the vendors pay \$22/week/spot. There are about 25 vendors each week. Advertising is on the radio, facebook, the Malvern and West Chester patches and they ask the vendors to mention the market in their advertising. Carmen pointed out that the BOS expected to spend more money this year to overcome the negativity that is still happening. But the market is successful and busy and will overcome this. Also, there will be 2 new LED signs replacing the existing township signs at the East Goshen Park and at the intersection of Boot Rd. and Paoli Pk. Ann Marie mentioned that the winter market will start the beginning of November when Daylight Savings ends. They were thinking of putting a large, heated tent in the park. Carmen did not like this idea because of the expense involved in putting the tent up and taking it down. He feels that, if Mark can use backdrops and the exhaust fan, the public works building is the better place to use. Also, they could have it every week. The Commission decided to request \$8,500 for 2014.

d. Community Day – The Commission decided on \$26,000 for this event.

e. For everything else, Frank recommended adding 1% to the 2103 budget numbers.

2. Goals & Objectives – After some discussion, the Commission will discuss the 2013 Goals & Objectives at the October meeting and prepare a progress report for the BOS.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Frank reported that the fall is his second favorite time of the year in recreation. It will be a busy one. Fall programs in yoga, pilates, zumba and line dancing will start in September and continue to December. Aerobics will start in October. Promotion has started for these and other events which are:

1. Golf at Applebrook, Monday, September 23 – Need about 20 more golfers.
2. Township Yard Sale on Saturday, October 5.
3. The Pumpkin Festival, Saturday October 19 – There will be face painting, hayrides, trackless train, pumpkin queen, pony rides, and free pumpkins. Frank asked the PRC members to wear their township jackets and check on the free pumpkins. There won't be a band this year. There was not enough money in the budget and Frank can play music on the loud speaker system. He is going to the same farmer for the pumpkins. The rain has delayed the growth of the pumpkins so there may not be a giant pumpkin this year.
4. Neighbor to Neighbor Day, Saturday, November 16
5. New York City Trip, Saturday, December 14

### **LIASION REPORTS**

BOS – Erich reported that West Goshen came to the meeting and wanted to see if their police force could join WEGO (Westtown – East Goshen Police). Committees were formed to look into this.

### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

1. Tennis Courts – Betsy reported that she has received many complaints about the new surface on the court and the fee of \$30. About 2-3 years ago an overlay was put on the one court which has dead spots and hollow spots making it difficult to play on. People are going to West Goshen where they may have to wait in line but the courts are free. The cost for the tennis tags this year was \$1,125 and the revenue was \$1446. Frank explained that the reason for the keys and lock is to keep hockey players and people with bikes off the courts. The groups that use the courts do use the hard court. Frank checks the locks every morning and just about every day they are unlocked. Erich suggested that the people who are unhappy with the fee should let the BOS know.
2. Erich mentioned an item on a report that shows the township refunded a pavilion fee “due to poor conditions upon arrival”? Frank explained that there was a group scheduled to use it on Sunday but no one was scheduled for Saturday so no cleanup was scheduled. However, someone must have used it Saturday and did not clean up, so he gave the Sunday group their money back.
3. Farmers Market Parking of Vendors – Carmen mentioned that 1 or 2 residents are concerned about the vendors parking on the grass. He feels vendors should be allowed to back up, unload and go to a parking area to park. John commented that they try to make it easy for the vendors and to make the residents happy. Vendors who serve from trucks are along the edge of the macadam. The trucks are not on the

grass. He also mentioned that some vendors have been approached by residents. Carmen replied that if someone complains to a vendor, the vendor should tell them to go to the BOS with the complaint.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, PJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 3, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary