

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
July 18, 2001**

**Attending:** Les Bair, Jerry Napiecek, Michael Pillagalli, Jennifer Grey-Rice, Ed Smith and Joe Waters

**Township Representatives:** Kathy Hahn, Ken Lehr, Al Roth and Kent Wise

**Friends of the Park:** Peggy Niemeyer

**Meeting called to Order:** 7:02 PM by Secretary Ed Smith

After a review of the minutes submitted for the June 20, 2001 meeting, a motion was made by Michael Pillagalli to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was second by Joe Waters and passed.

The Financial Report dated June 30, 2001 was reviewed. Michael Pillagalli stated that there is over 1.1 million dollars in funds between the Capital Reserve Investment and the Restricted Park Capital accounts. There were no other questions or comments pertaining to the Financial Report.

Ed Smith welcomed Jerry Napiecek to his first meeting as a member of the Park and Recreation Board and stated that Mr. Napiecek will be excellent addition to the Board.

**Parks:** Kent Wise reported that the crews have completed installing the pavers for the new picnic tables at the Community Park Amphitheater. Kent Wise informed that work on the area surrounding the Gazebo at the Community Park is scheduled to begin on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. The black top area leading up to the Gazebo will be removed and replaced with pavers. Additionally, Kent Wise indicated that he also plans have the area surrounding the Gazebo landscaped. All work on the Gazebo and the surrounding areas should be completed by Community Day. Kent Wise stated that due to the recent hot and dry weather, the crews have stopped cutting grass and are focusing on maintaining the athletic fields at the Township parks. Additionally, the crews have been busy trimming and edging at South Concord Road, Coopersmith Park and Hamlet Crest. Kent Wise informed that the area surrounding the new dugouts at Flagg Field has been graded and re-seeded. The block walls of the new dugouts are in the process of being painted by a contractor hired and funded by the Little League. Additionally, the crews are in the process of staining wood areas of the new dugouts. Kent Wise reported that the walls and doors of the Amphitheater have been re-painted. At the Paoli Pike Park, all of the old playground equipment has been removed and Kent Wise indicated that he is looking into the possibility of installing a street hockey rink. Finally, Kent Wise informed that the crews have added new playground safety mulch at Coopersmith Park and Hollowell Field.

**Recreation:** Al Roth reporting on the Summer Camp program is into the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the program and indicated that it has been a "really great" summer so far. Attendance for this year's Summer Camp program has been consistent and all of the Councilors are doing a good job.

**Friends of the Park:** Peggy Niemeyer reporting for the Friends informed that 118 people attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> Decorated Bike parade and informed that 35 prizes were given out to the participants. About 50 of the participants pre-registered for this Decorated Bike Parade via the West Goshen Township web site. Ken Lehr stated that the pre-registered numbers would have been higher if the Township Web site did not encounter a problem with AOL. Peggy Niemeyer stated that the Township would need to look into changing the parade route next year if the number of participants continues to grow. Joe Waters offered thanks to Sgt. William Camlin for playing the role of Officer Friendly at the Decorated Bike Parade. Peggy Niemeyer informed that the Friends made \$120.00 in profits from the recent Bake Sale. On the topic of Community Day, Peggy Niemeyer reported that an advertisement for Crafters is planned for the Daily Local News. Additionally, the Friends plan to send out a newsletter to their members to help line-up

volunteers for the various Community Day activities. Peggy Niemeyer stated that the advertisement for Crafters on the letter sign is "great" and asked if there is enough room on the sign to also display the date for Community Day. Finally, Peggy Niemeyer stated that the Friends are looking for baby food jars to support the sand art craft scheduled for Community Day.

**Old Business:** Ken Lehr reporting on Community Day informed that he has lined up 4 inflatable rides from North Pole Productions for Community Day including the "obstacle course". Ken Lehr discussed the possibility of renting generators for the inflatable rides from Taylor Rental. Jennifer Grey-Rice asked why the Township has decided to go with 4 inflatable rides for this year's Community Day expressing concern over the cost of the rides. Ken Lehr informed that the Township used 4 inflatable rides (3 rented and 1 from the Borough of West Chester) at last year's Community Day and stated that during the last Community Day planning session, the general consensus among the attendees was that the inflatable rides were very popular. The recommendation was to again contract 4 inflatable rides for this year's Community Day in order to keep the "wait" time for the rides at a minimum. The members of the Park and Recreation Board suggested having the next Community Day planning session at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting will be held at the Township Building.

Ken Lehr reporting on the July 8<sup>th</sup> bus trip to Baltimore to see the Phillies play the Orioles informed that all 3 buses (capacity of 141) were sold out for the trip. Ken Lehr discussed the results of a Survey completed by the people attending the Baltimore trip. Overall, the Baltimore trip participants enjoyed the trip and expressed interest in attending future trips. The largest complaint centered on confusion over the meeting location for the trip. Ken Lehr stated that the Township Newsletter continues to be the most effective form of advertising for bus trips.

Ken Lehr reporting on the Summer Concert Series informed that 900 people attend the July 15<sup>th</sup> Motown Concert featuring Special Blendz. The next event for the Summer Concert Series is "Irish Rock" night on July 29<sup>th</sup> featuring Blackthorn. Kent Wise indicated that the Township plans to post signs for the July 29<sup>th</sup> concert informing patrons that no alcoholic beverages will be permitted within the Community Park. Information on the Summer Concert Series is listed below:

Date	Theme	Featured Performers	Location	Attendance
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Night Out	Makin' Music	Community Park	450
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mummers	Woodland String Band	Community Park	250
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Motown	Special Blendz	Community Park	900
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Irish Rock	Blackthorn	N/A	N/A
Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	Swing with Me	City Rhythm Orchestra	N/A	N/A
Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>	Country-Western	Country Joe and the Honky Tonk Heroes	N/A	N/A

Ken Lehr reporting on July 4<sup>th</sup> Decorated Bike parade informed the participation in this year's event (118 children) is two times (double) the amount from the previous year. Ken Lehr informed that the decision to eliminate any type of stage performance immediately following the Decorated Bike Parade was viewed as positive by many of the people attending the event. The Township handed out 100 "participation" medals to children that participated in the parade. Due to the large turnout, there were not enough "participation" medals for all of the children that took part in the parade. Ken Lehr indicated that the Township has ordered a new supply of "participation" medals and stated that anyone who did not receive a medal at the Decorated Bike Parade can pick up their medal at the Township Building. Finally, Ken Lehr offered thanks to Holly and Peggy Niemeyer for helping make this year's event a huge success.

**New Business:** The members of the Park and Recreation Board discussed to possibility of formatting a sub-committee to identify candidates for the vacant Vice-Chair position. Joe Waters stated that Bob Cifone would be a good candidate and asked if any other members of the Park and Recreation Board would like to be considered for the position. Joe Waters indicated that he would discuss the Vice-Chair position with Bob Cifone prior to the August Park and Recreation Board meeting.

Les Bair stated that she would like to present a citation to Kathy McDevitt in recognition of all of the years of service she has provided to West Goshen Township. The members of the Park and Recreation Board recommended having a ceremony to present the citation to Kathy McDevitt during Community Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Smith