

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2001**

Attending: Bob Cifone, Dan Dixon, Jerry Napiecek, Michael Pillagalli and Ed Smith

Township Representatives: Kathy Hahn, Ken Lehr, Al Roth, Dr. White and Kent Wise

Friends of the Park: Kelly Cifone and Pat Kelly

Public Representatives: Arlene Osborne – Chatwood Avenue resident

Meeting called to Order: 7:02 PM by Chairman Dan Dixon

After a review of the minutes submitted for the July 18, 2001 meeting, a motion was made by Jerry Napiecek to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was second by Bob Cifone and passed.

The Financial Report dated July 31, 2001 was reviewed. There were no questions or comments pertaining to the Financial Report.

Dan Dixon began discussion on the vacant vice-chair position informing that the open position is in the second year of a 2-year term. Dan Dixon asked if a sub-committee would need to be formed to nominate a candidate to fill the open position. Ken Lehr indicated that Bob Cifone had been nominated to fill the vacant position during the July Park and Recreation Board meeting and stated that a sub-committee would not be required. The members of the Park and Recreation Board unanimously approved the nomination of Bob Cifone to fill the position of vice-chair for the remainder of the term.

Parks: Kent Wise reported that the crews have only spent 1 week out of the last month cutting grass due to the lack of rain. Kent Wise informed that the walkway leading up to the gazebo at the Community Park has been removed and replaced with pavers. Additionally, Kent Wise indicated that he also plans have the area surrounding the gazebo landscaped. The crews are in the process of installing a new post and rail fence at the South Concord Road Park. Kent Wise reported that he has already had to make repairs to the new fence informing that someone had made contact with the fence over the weekend. The crews were performing tree work at Coopersmith Park utilizing a backhoe to remove various tree stumps from the wooded areas. At the Community Park, work to paint the Maintenance Building, restrooms and the Amphitheater walls under the pavilion (including the bathroom doors) has been completed. Additionally, new plates in the louvered bathroom doors are being installed. Kent Wise informed that he has contacted "*Grass Management*" to begin work on the baseball field at Richard C. Cloud Park. Work is scheduled to begin at the end of the week (8/17/2001). All of the outfield area of the field will be sprayed to kill off the existing grass. Kent Wise and his crews will utilize 100 yards of topsoil to level the outfield playing area keeping the existing grade and filling in the low areas. Once work on the outfield has been completed, the entire outfield area of the field will be re-seeded and new sod will be applied to the infield playing area. Kent Wise informed that the East Side Little League would cover the cost to apply the new sod to the infield area of the baseball field. Kent Wise reported that if everything proceeds as scheduled, the grading and re-seeding of the outfield as well as the application of sod to the infield should be completed by the end of September. Kent Wise indicated that the crews are busy preparing for Community Day. Kent Wise provided the following informed pertaining to construction costs for the street hockey rink in East Caln. The actual cost of the street hockey rink (without site preparation) was \$100,000. The site preparation would add up to an additional \$50,000 depending on the site selected. The Township would need to select a location large enough to support a 171-ft by 76-ft pad for the proposed rink. Additionally, Kent Wise stated that \$50,000 to \$75,000 would be needed to develop the required parking area putting the total cost of the project in the area of \$200,000. Kent Wise indicated that the only place a street hockey rink could be located within the Community Park is in the area around the holding pond at the back of the park. Kent Wise stated that he would have concerns about parking if a street hockey rink were

to be located at the Paoli Pike Park. Kent Wise informed that there would be room to locate a street hockey rink at Barker Park behind the pavilion. Michael Pillagalli asked if there would be enough room at the South Concord Road Park for a street hockey rink. Kent Wise replied that there may be enough room at the South Concord Road Park for a street hockey rink and indicated that the existing parking area would need to be expanded. Dan Dixon asked if any of the Township retention ponds could be enhanced to support a street hockey rink. Kent Wise stated that this would defeat the purpose of the retention ponds. Dan Dixon suggested forming a sub-committee to review options and come up with recommendations for the proposed street hockey rink.

Recreation: Al Roth reporting on the Summer Camp program informed that the 2001 Summer Camp program ended last Friday (August 10th). Al Roth stated that it has been a "really great" summer, free from injuries. Al Roth indicated that he would deliver the end of the year report at the September Park and Recreation Board meeting.

Friends of the Park: Kelly Cifone reported that the Friends are busy raising funds for Community Day. Kelly Cifone informed that she has received a \$5,500 check from the Commerce Bank to cover the cost of the "*Grease Band*". Kelly Cifone indicated that the Friends are looking for additional donations to help cover the cost of the inflatable rides. Finally, Kelly Cifone reported that the Friends are looking for baby food jars to support the sand art craft scheduled for Community Day.

Public Representatives: Township resident Arlene Osborne informed the members of the Park and Recreation Board that she lives on Chatwood Avenue directly behind the Paoli Pike Park. Arlene Osborne stated that she would be interested in purchasing this property from the Township if it were to become available. Dan Dixon indicated that he did not have any information on the availability of the Paoli Pike Park property and asked Arlene Osborne to defer this request to township supervisor Dr. Robert White. Dr. White indicated that the property in question is not going up for sale and informed that the Park and Recreation Board has discussed the possibility of converting the Paoli Pike Park into a street hockey rink. Additionally, Dr. White stated that the Township is looking to acquire additional land for recreational usage. Arlene Osborne reported that on many occasions, there have been people playing basketball at the Paoli Pike Park as late as 3:30 AM and expressed concern that converting the Paoli Pike Park into a street hockey rink could result in additional concerns for the residents located next to the Paoli Pike Park. Dan Dixon informed that before any decision on the future of the Paoli Pike Park could be made, the Township would contact all of the local residents. Additionally, Dan Dixon stated that there is a high demand within the Township for a street hockey facility. Dr. White suggested that the Township should look into fencing in the current Paoli Pike Park area and locking the gates at dusk to help reduce the impact of the park on the adjoining neighbors. Kent Wise informed that there is a streetlight near the park that allows patrons to play basketball into the nighttime hours. Dan Dixon asked if it would be possible for the Township to install a timer to turn off the streetlight after dusk in order to discourage the use of the park at night. Dan Dixon also suggested that a shade could be installed to the existing streetlight in order to direct the light away from the park area. Finally, Dan Dixon requested that Arlene Osborne call the local police the next time she notices anyone in the Paoli Park after dusk stating that the police would be able to help reduce the number of instances where the park area is being used after dark.

Old Business: Ken Lehr reporting on Community Day informed that he planned to add a frisbee golf contest to the agenda of Community Day activities. The contest will take place on Flagg Field. Ken Lehr is looking for someone to help him out with the frisbee golf contest. The Friends continue to look for volunteers to staff the various Community Day activities. Ken Lehr informed that close to 50 crafters have signed up to participate in this year's Community Day activities. Kent Wise asked where he should locate the Blue Banner advertising Community Day. The members of the Park and Recreation Board suggested placing the banner on the corner of Paoli Pike and 5 Points Road in front of the Township Building. Ken Lehr informed that he is in the process of having the banner re-lettered. The members of the Park and Recreation Board suggested having the final Community Day planning session at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, August 21st. The meeting will be held at the Township Building. Kent Wise stated that he would like to attend the final Community Day planning session.

Ken Lehr reporting on the Summer Concert Series informed that 900 people attend the July 29th "Irish Rock" Concert featuring Blackthorn. The concert had to be moved inside due to the weather. Information on the Summer Concert Series is listed below:

Date	Theme	Featured Performers	Location	Attendance
June 17 th	Children's Night Out	Makin' Music	Community Park	450
July 1 st	Mummers	Woodland String Band	Community Park	250
July 15 th	Motown	Special Blendz	Community Park	900
July 29 th	Irish Rock	Blackthorn	N/A	900
Aug 12 th	Swing with Me	City Rhythm Orchestra	N/A	150
Aug 26 th	Country-Western	Country Joe and the Honky Tonk Heroes	N/A	N/A

Dan Dixon indicated that there is not enough help to support the concerts that are moved indoors due to the weather. Dan Dixon reported that the recent Blackthorn concert was understaffed and stated that this issue needs to be addressed before next year's Summer Concert Series. Ken Lehr requested that the Summer Concert Series sub-committee meet in September to begin planning for the 2002 season. Kent Wise stated that his staff would be able to provide support for concerts when they have to be moved inside due to the weather conditions. Dan Dixon asked the members of the Park and Recreation Board to pass along any suggestions pertaining to entertainment and/or themes for next year's Summer Concert Series.

New Business: Ken Lehr reporting on movie nights informed that he is in the process of identifying movies and themes for the upcoming 2nd season of the program. Ken Lehr stated that he is looking to present 4 nights of family friendly movies during this year's program. Ken Lehr informed that he is tentatively planning to present the movies a 7:00 PM and indicated that the actual nights for the program still need to be determined. Ken Lehr reported that the Township would rent the movies for movie nights from a licensed movie vendor. Ken Lehr stated that he would like to present "Shrek" but indicated the movie would not be available via the license vendor until the November time frame. Kelly Cifone asked if it would be possible for the Friends to sell Pizza and Popcorn as a fundraiser during the presentations of movie nights. Ken Lehr indicated that he was OK with the Friends selling Pizza and Popcorn as long as the events are held outside. Kent Wise asked when the Township planned to start this year's program. Al Roth suggested scheduling movie night presentations on Fridays stating that this would be a good night for elementary school children. Kent Wise indicated that he would be able to support the proposed Friday night presentations. Ken Lehr reported that movie night presentations would be moved indoors at the Township Building if the weather does not cooperate. Ken Lehr informed that the average attendance for last year's movie night presentations was in the range of 50 to 100 and indicated that the Township Building would be able to handle this volume.

Dan Dixon asked when the preliminary budgets for the year 2002 are due. Kathy Hahn informed that the preliminary budgets are due by the end of September and stated that the final versions would be presented to Sharon Lynn by the end of October. Dan Dixon indicated that the budget subcommittee should get together and review the preliminary budget so these figures can be reviewed at the September 19th Park and Recreation Board meeting. The members of the Park and Recreation Board suggested having the initial year 2002 budget meeting at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 17th. Ken Lehr along with Park and Recreation Board members Michael Pillagalli, Jerry Napiecek, Ed Smith and Dan Dixon indicated that they would attend the year 2002 budget meeting.

Michael Pillagalli reporting on Harvest Day indicated that we would be setting up a meeting with Ken Lehr to begin the planning for this year's event.

Dr. White stated that he would like to present a plaque 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.

Ken Lehr began discussion on a letter the Township received from the "*Dream Catchers Camp*" requesting the use of the Community Park on Saturday, November 24th for a charity 5k run. The letter indicated that the entry fees for the proposed event would be collected via mail as well as at the Community Park on the day of the event. Members of the Park and Recreation Board expressed concern that the proposed event is being planned for Thanksgiving weekend. Kent Wise indicated that the bathrooms might still be open at this time weather permitting. Dan Dixon asked Ken Lehr to contact someone from the organization and ask them to attend the September 19th Park and Recreation Board meeting to determine if any Township staff would be required to support the event. Additionally, Dan Dixon indicated that the Township would need to know the proposed course of the race, the parking requirements and if there are plans for an awards ceremony after the completion of the race. Dan Dixon stated that the details for the proposed 5k run would also need to be reviewed with the police. Finally, Kent Wise stated that he was not in favor of holding the event on Thanksgiving weekend and asked if the event could be scheduled for another date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Smith