

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2003**

Attending: Bob Cifone, Dan Dixon, Mary Lou Enoches, Jerry Napiecek, Michael Pillagalli, and Jennifer Grey-Rice

Township Representatives: Ken Lehr, Nick Palso, Al Roth, Kent Wise

Meeting called to Order: 7:05 PM by Chairman Bob Cifone

After a review of the minutes of the May 21st meeting, a motion was made by Mary Lou Enoches to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Michael Pillagalli and was passed.

The Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2003 was reviewed. There were no questions or comments raised.

Parks: Kent Wise reported that 90% of his group's work is now grass cutting. They are double cutting and trying to keep-up with the ball fields. Additionally, they are doing landscaping work on the beds at the Community Park and trimming trees and shrubs at the Township Building. As soon as the various playground areas are dried out, Kent will place 100 cubic yards of playground mulch at these sites.

Two summer help employees have been hired and starting this week:

Kevin Miller
Doug Anderko

Summer Rec Program: Al Roth stated that all staffing was in place and that they were ready for opening day, 6/23. All supplies are in-place at the various parks. Registration numbers are as follows:

- Barker Park: Full, with a waiting list of 15
- Community Park: 142
- Coopersmith Park: 81

About 100 children have been registered for the various clinics.

Registrations are still being received.

Al Roth indicated that all of the field trips have been planned some of which include:

- Movies
- Ice Skating
- Roller Skating
- Mini Golf
- Water Slides
- A play at the People's Light and Theater Company

Old Business: Ken Lehr reported that the Shakespeare in the Park event had to be moved to June 1 due to weather problems. While the 1st was also cold and bitter, there was no rain and the show went on. About 25 people attended. The consensus was that the program was well received.

Teen Night was cancelled due to lack of interest. 100 pre-registrants were required one week before the event was to take place; zero were received.

"Event Staff", the Battle of the Bands winner for 2003 who were to appear at this event, received their money and may be invited to play from 12-1 pm on Community Day.. Jennifer Grey-Rice then suggested that perhaps next year the Battle of the Bands Competition could be a part of a Teen Night to help stimulate interest.

Bus trips: Ken reported that two buses will be going to Baltimore for the Phillies/Orioles game on 6/28. Bus captains are needed. The Boston trip is scheduled for July 18-20. 17 people are registered at this time; 30-35 are needed to break even. 12 people are registered for the Atlanta/Phillies game at the Vet on Sept. 27th. It is expected that this event will draw more interest as the closing of the Vet gets closer.

The Summer Concert series will begin on June 22. Ken will ask all Board members after the meeting to sign-up as volunteers for the various dates.

The Community Day Committee recently met to review the status of the plans. Vertical Extreme is offering a fully-staffed, self-insured portable rock climbing wall which will cost us but \$100-\$200 to rent for about 4 hours. This may be a new activity which we will add this year. Additionally, the Brownstone Puppet Theatre will present a performance of their Teddy Bear Puppet program during the day.

Decorated Bike Parade: Scheduled for Friday, July 4th from 10-11 am. Rain date will be July 5th. The Friends of West Goshen Parks asked for the board members' help as judges, which will need to arrive at the Community Park by 9:15 am.

New Business:

Down Syndrome Interest Group: Would like to use the Community Park on October 19 for a one-mile walk. This group would provide all of the volunteers needed to run this event, along with having some information booths set-up. No fund-raising will occur.

Parking for Community Day: We have had this problem for some time. We will not allow cars to park in the Ice Line Parking lot this year, although they have never complained to the Township on this matter. The Wayne Storage and Germantown Industries area parking lots will be available for parking, however. Bob Cifone suggested that we post better signage and have a police officer with his squad car lights on in the cul-de-sac area directing motorists as to where to park.

Fall Movie Program: Ken indicating that he is considering either a plan for every Saturday evening in October, or a plan for every other Saturday evening commencing in mid-September. Ken has a catalog of movies and asked if any board member would be interested in providing ideas for films to show. He typically needs to order the films in early July.

Route 100 Park: Work at this site will not begin until fall of 2004 at the earliest, as it is not until then that the school district will begin their work there. A poll was already distributed among a number of township children who expressed great excitement at the prospects of a skate park being constructed. No plans have been finalized. Several ramp companies are under review to get competitive quotesthese items are very expensive and must hold up to the weather. The cement-type park which was recently constructed in Lancaster was discussed. It cost that county about \$500,000 and has been a disaster. It is not widely used at all as it is too difficult (advanced) for most potential users. We would not consider such a skatepark as this.

Board Tour of Township parks: A suggestion was made to have the parks board members rent a van on a Saturday (proposed date: 9/6) and spend 2-3 hours touring all of the parks in our Township. Kent Wise would lead the tour. Kent would discuss his concerns about the parks and how they are currently used by the residents. It is hoped that the board members could suggest additional uses for these facilities. Lunch will be provided.

The tour would begin at about 10:30 am.

At 7:41 pm, Dan Dixon made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mary Lou Enoches, and carried by the entire board in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Napiecek
Vice Chair