

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
June 15, 2005**

Attending: Les Bair, Bob Cifone, Jerry Napiecek, Michael Pillagalli and Ed Smith

Township Representatives: Sharon Lynn, Pat McIlvaine, and Kent Wise

Friends of the Park: Peggy Niemeyer and Megan Zug

Public Representatives: Harry Helms from the American Legion Post #134

Meeting called to Order: 7:00 PM by Chairman Michael Pillagalli

Michael Pillagalli began the June 15th meeting by leading the members of the Park and Recreation Board in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

After a review of the minutes submitted for the May 18, 2005 meeting, a motion was made by Jerry Napiecek to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bob Cifone and passed.

The Financial Report dated May 31, 2005 was reviewed. There were no questions or comments pertaining to the Financial Report.

Sharon Lynn informed that Ken Lehr had a family emergency that would prevent him from attending the June 15th Park and Recreation Board meeting.

Parks: Kent Wise reported that the crews are busy cutting grass, edging and mulching at the various Township Parks. Kent Wise informed that the crews are currently cutting back the wood line at Coopersmith Park and the Community Park. Kent Wise reported that the first of four fertilizer treatments have been applied at the Community Park, Hallowell Field and the Richard C. Cloud Park. Kent Wise indicated that a new roof has been installed on the pavilion at Barker Park at a cost of \$3,160. Finally, Kent Wise reported that the pavilion at Coopersmith Park was the target of vandalism last Wednesday (June 9th) informing that a door and one side of the building were damaged by spray paint.

Recreation: Sharon Lynn reporting on the Summer Recreation Program informed that after the 2nd day of registration, Barker Park is at full capacity, the Community Park has 120 campers registered (down from last year) and Coopersmith Park has 80+ registered (about the same as last year). Sharon Lynn reported that Ken Lehr and Al Roth led the June 4th Summer Recreation staff orientation session indicating the orientation session went well. The 2005 Summer Recreation Program is scheduled to begin on June 20th and run through August 12th.

Sharon Lynn reporting on the new Teen Summer Recreation program informed that 30 teens registered for the new program. Sharon Lynn stated the Township is pleased with head counselor Steve Nichols indicating he will do well for the new program.

Friends of the Park: Megan Zug reporting for the Friends of West Goshen Parks informed the organization is actively looking for ways to attract new members with the required level of commitment. Megan Zug indicated the members of the Friends of West Goshen Parks are making personal calls to solicit new membership. Megan Zug reported that at this time, around \$6,000 in sponsorship has been secured for the Summer Concert Series. She said that in January the Friends of West Goshen Parks committed to raising \$7,500 for the 2005 program. Sharon Lynn provided an update on sponsors informing that there are currently around \$7,000 in sponsorships that include donations from

Faulkner Pontiac, QVC and the Commerce Bank. Sharon Lynn informed that the next quarterly board meeting for the Friends is scheduled for the 1st Thursday in July stating new officers would be elected at that time. Sharon Lynn reported that Megan Zug has requested to be considered for the vacant position on the Park and Recreation Board. Sharon Lynn stated that appointing Megan Zug to the Park and Recreation Board would also fill a requirement of having a member from the Park and Recreation Board serve on the Friends of West Goshen Parks Board of Directors.

Old Business: Sharon Lynn reporting on the June 11th tour of the Township's parks informed that 8 people registered but only 3 people actually showed up for the tour. The tour initiated at the Community Park and concluded at the West Goshen Township Building with lunch along the way at Barker Park. Finally, Sharon Lynn indicated that Friends of West Goshen Parks are trying to recruit everyone that attended the tour.

Sharon Lynn reporting on upcoming bus trips informed that the June 18th open bus trip (drop-off and pick-up) to New York City has sold out. Sharon Lynn indicated that there are still twenty openings for the July 16th open bus trip (drop-off and pick-up) to Washington, DC and informed the July 31st trip to Yankee Stadium has also sold out.

Sharon Lynn reporting on the Summer Concert Series informed that the first concert of the 2005 program (Children's Concert) went off as scheduled on June 12th. Information on the Summer Concert Series is listed below:

Date	Theme	Featured Performers	Location
June 12 th	Something for the Children	Cat's Pajamas	Community Park
June 26 th	Concert Band	Chester County Concert Band	Community Park
July 10 th	Motown Revisited	Special Blendz	Community Park
July 24 th	Percussion Virtuosos	Hip Pickles	Community Park
August 7 th	Irish Rock Concert	Blackthorn	Community Park
August 21 st	A Little Bit Country	Country Joe and the Honky Tonk Heroes	Community Park

Michael Pillagalli reporting on 2005 Community Day informed that the members of the Park and Recreation Board along with Peggy Niemeyer and Megan Zug attended a planning meeting at 6:00 PM prior to the June Park and Recreation Board meeting. Michael Pillagalli stated that everything seems to be in place at this time. Michael Pillagalli informed that the members of the Park and Recreation Board discussed the feasibility of adding a West Goshen resident "Exhibit Your Talent" exhibition in an effort to attract interest. Michael Pillagalli suggested having participants register in advance for the exhibit that would feature talents in the area of gardening (flower/vegetable), baking, cooking etc. Bob Cifone stated that Township could rent an additional tent for the proposed exhibit. Sharon Lynn indicated that information pertaining to the proposed West Goshen resident "Exhibit Your Talent" exhibit would appear in the Summer Newsletter. Michael Pillagalli asked if the Township had obtained the required permit for operating the soda cart. Sharon Lynn informed that the Chester County Antique Car Society would like to participate in the 2005 Community Day activities stating the club expects to have about 30 of their vehicles on hand for this year's program. Kent Wise indicated that there would enough space available to accommodate the Chester County Antique Car Society's request. The 2005 Community Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th with a rain date of Sunday, September 25th.

New Business: Sharon Lynn reporting on Movie Nights informed that the Township is planning to present 4 nights of family friendly movies during this year's program. The movies selected for this year's

program includes "Racing Stripes", "The Wizard of Oz", "Kicking and Screaming" and "Madagascar". Information on Movie Nights is listed below:

Date	Movie	Location	Attendance
October 1 st	Racing Stripes	Community Park	N/A
October 8 th	Wizard of Oz	Community Park	N/A
October 15 th	Kicking and Screaming	Community Park	N/A
October 22 nd	Madagascar	Community Park	N/A

Sharon Lynn reporting on Harvest Day informed that this year's activities are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 30th stating there would be no conflict with the Eagles schedule this year. Kent Wise offered thanks to the Friends of West Goshen Parks for providing the funding to allow the Township to purchase their own hay wagon. Kent Wise indicated that the new hay wagon would be utilized at this year's Harvest Day activities. Kent Wise reported that the crews would be adding side panels, seating and steps to the hay wagon in time for this year's event.

Sharon Lynn reported on a request by Kristin Dispels on behalf of the Chester County Down Syndrome Interest Group for use of the Community Park on Sunday, October 16th for the fifth annual "Buddy Walk". The event will feature a one-mile walk designed to promote awareness and inclusion of persons with Down syndrome and serves as the group's primary fundraiser. Sharon Lynn indicated that the event has been held at the Community Park the last two years.

Harry Helms representing the American Legion Bernard F. Schlegel Post # 134 asked the members of the Park and Recreation Board to consider a request to locate a permanent flag disposal facility at one of the Township Parks. Harry Helms informed the American Legion Post #134 facilitates the burning of about 1,500 flags per year and indicated the flag disposal facility would consist of a fireproof burning facility with a footprint of approximately 5' by 5' and a height of 5' to 6'. Les Bair expressed concern that the proposed flag disposal facility would be susceptible to vandalism. Michael Pillagalli stated that this request would need to be discussed with the Board of Supervisors and asked Harry Helms to create a visualization of the proposed flag disposal facility and comprise a cost estimate that could be reviewed at the July Park and Recreation Board meeting. Harry Helms indicated that the American Legion would be willing to pay the construction expenses for the proposed flag disposal facility.

Sharon Lynn and Pat McIlvaine introduced Michael Dolan to the members of the Park and Recreation Board. Sharon Lynn informed that Michael Dolan would be appointed to fill one of the open Park and Recreation Board member positions at next Wednesday's (June 22nd) Board of Supervisors meeting.

Michael Pillagalli informed the members of the Park and Recreation Board that he would be on vacation and would not be attending the July 20th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Smith