

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2006**

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

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

Public Representatives:

Rosanne Dillingham and Vince Gallagher – residents of 1017 Woodview Lane
Brandon Hoots – local Boy Scout and his father

Meeting called to Order: 7:00 PM by Chairman Jerry Napiecek

After a review of the minutes submitted for the August 16, 2006 meeting, a motion was made by Bob Cifone to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ed Smith and passed.

The Financial Report dated August 31, 2006 was reviewed. There were no questions or comments pertaining to the Financial Report.

Parks: Kent Wise reported that the crew spent a lot of time preparing for and cleaning up after this year's Community Day festivities. Kent Wise said the grass management contractor completed the work including overseeding Hollowell Field and the soccer fields at Community Park. Kent Wise reported that the Parks Crew overseeded the dogpark two weeks ago, and indicated they would be back on Monday (September 25th) to aerate and overseed the dogpark again. Kent Wise informed that the crew is preparing for fall clean-up efforts, installing leaf boxes on the Township mowers. The fall clean-up efforts would begin in about two weeks. Jerry Napiecek stated that Community Park looked like a showplace for this year's Community Day, and thanked Kent Wise and his crew for all of their efforts at the various Township Parks. Finally, Kent Wise indicated there was minor graffiti damage recently at Coopersmith Park. The impacted areas have been cleaned up at this time.

Recreation: Ken Lehr, reporting on the Summer Recreation Program, informed that this year's program ended on Friday, August 18th. Ken Lehr indicated feedback on this year's program was positive.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Summer Teen Program, informed that this year's program ended on Friday, August 18th. Ken Lehr indicated questionnaires were mailed out to all participants and their parents. He said he would provide the year-end report at the October Park and Recreation Board meeting. Ken Lehr stated preliminary feedback indicates that the Township needs to better market the Summer Teen Program next year. Ken Lehr reported he plans to meet over the winter with the members of the original Summer Teen Program subcommittee (Jen Dobbins, Gary Brignola and Michael Pillagalli) to discuss the next steps for the program.

Friends of the Park: Jerry Napiecek, reporting for the Friends of West Goshen Parks, read from an email sent by Megan Zug thanking the Park and Recreation Board members for providing volunteer support at Community Day. The Friends raised over \$900.00 in donations and expect to receive additional funds from the food vendors. Finally, Megan Zug requested that the website also be updated with the upcoming meeting schedule.

Old Business: Ken Lehr reporting on the Summer Concert Series informed that a small crowd of 150-175 people attended the final concert for the 2006 program on August 20th featuring "Synthesis". Ken Lehr asked to schedule a Summer Concert Series wrap-up/planning meeting for 6:00 PM on October 18th. Information on the Summer Concert Series is listed below:

| Date | Theme | Featured Performers | Location | Attendance |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|
| June 11 th | Children's Concert | John Flynn | Community Park | 450 |
| June 25 th | Big Band | U.S. Navy Jazz Band | Pierce Middle School | 70 |
| July 9 th | Irish Rock Concert | Blackthorn | Community Park | 1,200 |
| July 23 rd | Folk Concert | Jeffrey Gaines | Community Park | 300 |
| August 6 th | Motown Revisited | Special Blendz | Community Park | 700 |
| August 20 th | Latin | Synthesis | Community Park | 150 - 175 |

Ken Lehr, reporting on Community Day, suggesting scheduling a Community Day wrap-up/planning meeting for 6:30 PM on October 18th. Ken Lehr informed that this year's event featured excellent weather and 100% participation by the Park and Recreation Board membership. Les Bair informed that she along with Mary Lou Enoches donated all of the hospitality items for the crafters. Jerry Napiecek suggested that members of the Park and Recreation Board come up with some new ideas for next year's program to attract more people. Additionally, Jerry Napiecek said he did hear several negative comments pertaining to politicians campaigning during this year's event. Bob Cifone stated that the Township should do away with all political campaign literature and provide a non-partisan place for residents to register to vote. Jerry Napiecek stated he would like to find a way to utilize Flagg Field for next year's Community Day festivities and suggested looking into the feasibility of having live music performed all day. Pat McIlvaine suggested looking at the possibility of having the headline entertainment start earlier in the day to hold the crowd.

Ken Lehr, reporting on Movie Nights, informed that the Township is planning to present two nights of family friendly movies during this year's program. The movies selected for this year's program include "Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" and "March of the Penguins". All presentations will have a 7:00 PM start time. Ken Lehr said many of the movie companies are no longer issuing new releases in 16mm. As a result, a budget request was submitted for funding to allow the Township to go into a joint venture with the Borough of West Chester for the purchase of a DVD player and a digital video projector in 2007. Information on Movie Nights is listed below:

| Date | Movie | Location | Attendance |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|------------|
| October 7 th | Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit | Community Park | N/A |
| October 21 st | March of the Penguins | Community Park | N/A |

Ken Lehr, reporting on Harvest Day, informed that this year's activities are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 29th. Ken Lehr said fliers advertising this year's event were piggybacked with Community Day advertisements. Ken Lehr stated that because this is the first year Harvest Day festivities will be held at the Community Park, the Township plans to station someone at Coopersmith Park to direct patrons to the proper location. Ken Lehr informed that arrangements for the musical entertainment "Makin' Music" have been finalized. Michael Pillagalli has indicated he would contact Phil and Linda Hicks to line up their haywagon for this year's event. Additionally, local Girl Scouts have been lined up to provide face painting for those attending this year's event. Kent Wise informed that the Township also is planning to borrow East Goshen's haywagon for this year's event. Kent Wise said the pumpkin patch would be located at the lower end of the Community Park by the retention basin and indicated the hayride would include a loop from the pavilion, past the retention basin to the pumpkin patch and return to the pavilion.

Ken Lehr report on upcoming bus trips informed that the return trip to Yankee Stadium on September 30th has sold out. Ken Lehr indicated that the Yankee's have not posted the start time for the September 30th

game at this time. Krapf Coaches is keeping the bus schedule flexible for the Township until the official time for the game is made public. Ken Lehr reported the Township has reserved two buses for the December 2nd open bus trip to New York and two buses for the December 11th trip to Radio City Music Hall. Ken Lehr stated the food options still need to be finalized for the Radio City Music Hall trip. Ken Lehr informed that Mary Lou Enoches volunteered to be the bus captain for the Radio City Music Hall trip and stated he is still looking for a bus captain for the December 2nd open bus trip. Patricia McIlvaine volunteered to serve as a bus captain for that trip.

Ken Lehr reported that the Township has been in contact with ACAC to start the planning process for a Teen Scene night scheduled for Saturday, November 18th. Ken Lehr indicated the event would be a joint venture supported by West Goshen Township and the Borough of West Chester.

Ken Lehr reported he has been in contact with ACAC to start the planning process for offering Senior Water Walking sessions planned for November, February, March and April. Ken Lehr reported Water Walking sessions that were offered in March and May of the current year were very popular with the seniors.

Sharon Lynn provided an update on the Jerrehian property, informing that the Board of Supervisors approved the zoning changes and indicated the next step is for the builder (Pulte) to contact the Township and submit a land development plan for the property. Sharon Lynn indicated that representatives from Pulte and the Jerrehian family were working with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, and other agencies to finalize plans for developing the property. Sharon Lynn stated that many traffic improvements would be required before development could begin. Additionally, Sharon Lynn indicated that all deer management issues would have to go through the appropriate state agencies.

New Business: Ken Lehr informed that he had received several emails pertaining to the new dogpark. He stated the themes of the emails were mainly positive, with several residents asking the Township to consider dedicated large dog hours and small dog hours for the new dogpark. Sharon Lynn stated there is a limitation on space that would prohibit the Township from dividing the current structure into isolated areas for small and large dogs. Sharon Lynn and Ken Lehr met with the Township's insurance carrier to confirm patrons using the new dogpark do so at their own risk and verify that the Township is not liable for any injuries to pets and/or their owners within the confines of the new dogpark. Ken Lehr reviewed the contents of an email received from Ellen Zandoff expressing concern that people attending the new dogpark are not following the park rules. Additionally, the email states the sign displaying rules for the dogpark is not located in an area that is easily visible to people walking up to the park. Sharon Lynn indicated that she has received mostly positive feedback on the new dogpark, and informed that the Township had spent four years researching existing dogparks before the decision was made to incorporate a dogpark facility within Robert E. Lambert Park. Sharon Lynn indicated she has made several trips to the new dogpark, where she sometimes observed small children and/or dogs roaming unsupervised. Sharon Lynn indicated that the Township is looking at displaying the dogpark rules on a smaller sign and/or bulletin board within the confines of the dogpark. Sharon Lynn informed that the Township was advised that someone was taking pictures of people at the playground and the dogpark. Sharon Lynn indicated that the Township advised the caller to contact the police department. Sharon Lynn stated she observed someone taking pictures in the dogpark. Upon confronting the individual she was told the photographer was trying out a new lens for his camera. Sharon Lynn reported she spoke with several patrons in the dogpark and no one seemed offended by the photographer.

Ken Lehr reporting on the Holiday Breakfast with Santa at the Stadium Grille informed the event has been scheduled for Saturday, December 16th. Ken Lehr said the Stadium Grille was also available on Sunday, December 17th if an overflow date is required.

Local Boy Scout Brandon Hoots asked the members of the Park and Recreation Board about the feasibility of doing something for the Township to satisfy his Eagle Scout project requirements. Kent Wise

asked Brandon Hoots to come up with an idea for the project that could be completed next year. Kent Wise provided examples of previous Eagle Scout projects, including building picnic tables, building signs, constructing a Japanese Zen garden at the Community Park, and stenciling "no dumping, drains into stream" warnings on various Township storm drains. Sharon Lynn asked Brandon Hoots to write a letter to the Township and indicated the Township would contact him if something comes up that would satisfy his Eagle Scout requirements.

Public representatives Rosanne Dillingham and Vince Gallagher, residents of 1017 Woodview Lane (property adjacent to the entrance to Robert E. Lambert Park) addressed the members of the Park and Recreation Board, expressing concern over the speed of the traffic entering and leaving the new park. Vince Gallagher reported several incidents of drag racing taking place on the newly paved entrance to the park. He stated the speed bumps on the roadway were removed during the repaving process. Bob Cifone informed that the bumps on the original pavement were water control bumps that were no longer required once the roadway was repaved. Sharon Lynn indicated she would contact representatives from the school district and request speed limit signs be installed along this stretch of the access road. Additionally, Rosanne Dillingham and Vince Gallagher stated a tree barrier should be installed along the edge of their property that is closest to the roadway to shelter their home from the noise and light associated with the new park. Vince Gallagher informed there are two big light standards located within the park or at the Wawa that constantly shine through their windows. Finally, Vince Gallagher informed the park is supposed to be a dawn to dusk park and indicated he regularly sees people walking their dogs in the Park as late as midnight.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Smith