

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
June 20, 2007**

Attending: Les Bair, Bob Cifone, Mary Lou Enoches, Jerry Napiecek, Michael Pillagalli, Ed Smith, and Megan Zug

Township Representatives: Ken Lehr and Pat McIlvaine

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

The review and approval of the minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting was deferred until the June 20, 2007 meeting because the quorum required for approval was not present at the May 16, 2007 meeting. After a review of the minutes submitted for the April 18, 2007 meeting, a motion was made by Michael Pillagalli to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bob Cifone and passed. Additionally, Ken Lehr informed that the information for the May 16, 2007 meeting had to be submitted as "Meeting Notes" since a quorum was not present for that meeting. The May meeting notes would not have to be approved by the members of the Park and Recreation Board.

The Financial Report dated May 31, 2007 was reviewed. Ken Lehr indicated he had included a new report comparing the original/approved budget, revised budget and actual budget expenditures for all of the Park and Recreation relevant line items. Megan Zug stated the format of the new report looked good, adding she did not think the report needs to include the original appropriation, just the final budget values. There were no other questions or comments pertaining to the Financial Report.

Parks: Ken Lehr reporting for Kent Wise informed that the crew was busy cutting the grass at the various Township parks. Ken Lehr indicated that the two spring animals purchased by the Friends of West Goshen Parks (a ladybug and a bumble bee) have been installed at Community Park. Ken Lehr reported that Box Elder Pond is covered by a thick coating of duckweed. Ray Halvorsen attended a seminar on ponds looking for an organic solution to this problem.

Recreation: Ken Lehr reporting on the Summer Recreation Program said that Barker Park is filled, 110 campers are registered at Community Park, and around 80 campers are registered at Coopersmith Park with plenty of room still available. Ken Lehr reported that counselor orientation was held two weeks ago, and that Tom Steines did a good job with the orientation process. Ken Lehr informed that head counselors for this year's program are Matt Krykew (Coopersmith Park), Kelly Kelly (Community Park), and Nick Napiecek (Barker Park). The 2007 Summer Recreation Program is scheduled to begin on June 25th and run through August 17th.

Ken Lehr reporting on the Summer Teen Program informed that there are seventeen participants registered for this year's program. Ken Lehr informed that the head counselor for this year's program is Steve Clark. The 2007 Summer Teen Program is scheduled to begin on June 25th and run through August 17th.

Friends of the Park: Megan Zug reporting for the Friends of West Goshen Parks informed that the next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday in July (July 5th) at 7:00 PM. Megan Zug reported that to date the Friends have paid \$6,150.00 towards their commitment of \$6,500.00 for the Summer Concert Series. Megan Zug stated that the Friends are hoping to surpass their commitment goal for the 2007 program. Ken Lehr indicated Lee McFadden has made a big difference in the fundraising capabilities during his first year as President of the Friends. Ken Lehr reported that Peggy Niemeyer will continue to organize the crafters for this year's Community Day activities and indicated that Holly Niemeyer would continue to support the kids' crafts.

Old Business: Ken Lehr reporting on the Summer Concert Series informed that over 600 people attended the June 10th children's concert, a record for that event. Ken Lehr distributed a sign-up sheet asking the members of the Park and Recreation Board to volunteer to provide support for one or more of the concerts. Information on the Summer Concert Series is listed below:

| Date | Theme | Featured Performers | Location | Attendance |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| June 10 th | Children's Concert | Makin' Music | Community Park | 600 |
| June 24 th | Irish Rock Concert | The Brothers McGillian | Community Park | |
| July 8 th | Strings/Orchestra | Chester County Pops Orchestra | Community Park | |
| July 22 nd | Concert Band | Chester County Concert Band | Community Park | |
| August 5 th | Motown Revisited | Special Blendz | Community Park | |
| August 19 th | Country Western | Straight Shooter | Community Park | |

Ken Lehr reporting on upcoming theatrical performances informed that the Township is planning to present "Romeo and Juliet" at Community Park on Saturday, June 30th at 7:00 PM and "The Game of Love and Chance" at Community Park on Saturday, July 28th at 7:00 PM.

Ken Lehr reporting on Community Day informed that a planning meeting was held at 6:00 PM prior to the Park and Recreation Board meeting. Ken Lehr indicated that at this time the Friends need help lining up volunteers for the event. Ken Lehr informed that notices soliciting volunteers would be included in the Township newsletter and in the Friends' membership letter. Ken Lehr indicated that the winner of the "Battle of the Bands" (Durant) would be invited to perform as part of Community Day festivities but indicated that there would not be enough time to allow the runner-up bands to perform.

Ken Lehr reporting on Township bus trips informed that the June 23rd trip to Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty has sold out and that there is a wait list of about thirty people. As a result, the Township is considering offering another trip to Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty in the fall. Ken Lehr indicated that the Township is waiting to see how the June 23rd trip goes before making a final decision on offering a return trip in the fall. The August 4th trip to Yankee Stadium has also sold out and the Township is planning another trip to Yankee Stadium on September 22nd. Ken Lehr reported that the Township is offering a trip to Shea Stadium on September 15th (one bus) to see the Phillies play the Mets. Ken Lehr also informed that the Township is planning an open bus trip to New York City on December 1st and a trip to Radio City Music Hall on December 3rd.

Pat McIlvaine provided an update on the Jerrehian property, informing that there was not much new to report at this time.

Ken Lehr reporting on Robert E. Lambert Park informed that the Township has hired four new skatepark attendants to begin work over the next two weeks. Ken Lehr indicated that there are fifteen to twenty paid skateboarders at the skatepark each weekend in addition to the annual pass members. Ken Lehr stated at this time there are no records on the annual pass members' counts. Ken Lehr reported that the Township is partnering with Dave Fairman to celebrate the first Dday of summer and International Go Skate Boarding Day on June 21st at the skatepark. Ken Lehr indicated that the Township would waive the skatepark fees for the day and Dave Fairman's shop would provide prizes. Additionally, Dave Fairman will have skateboarding experts on hand to offer free coaching between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on July 11th, 18th and 25th. The regular admission price will still be in effect during these dates. Ken Lehr said advertising for the July 11th, 18th and 25th events would include hand bills, the Township website and Fairman's. Finally, Ken Lehr provided an update on the Summer Recreation skateboard clinics, informing

that ten participants have signed up for the 5-8 year old clinic. Fourcampers have signed up for the 9-12 year old clinic.

New Business: Ken Lehr reporting on the July 4th Decorated Bike Parade indicated the Township would need volunteers to be judges and provide support for the event. The Decorated Bike Parade is scheduled for Wednesday, July 4th at 10:00 AM. All volunteers should arrive at the Community Park at 9:00 AM.

Ken Lehr informed that West Goshen Community Park was selected the best family park in the western suburbs by the Main Line Today magazine. Ken Lehr indicated there would be a "Best of the Main Line" reception at Drexelbrook from 6:00 to 9:00 PM on July 26th. Ken Lehr informed that he made a proposal to the Board of Supervisors to allow Ray Halvorsen, Kent Wise the members of the Board of Supervisors and the members of the Park and Recreation Board to attend this function. Ken Lehr stated that he would need to know the head-count by July 9th and said anyone wanting to bring a guest would need to pay the \$40.00 fee for the guest. The July 26th event also benefits the Alzheimer's and Cystic Fibrosis foundations.

Pat McIlvaine reported that the Township has been contacted by "Money" magazine informing that the Township is considered one of the best run townships in the area. Pat McIlvaine indicated that "Money" magazine would like to do an article on the Township. Township Manager Casey LaLonde would set something up with representatives from "Money" magazine.

Jerry Napiecek asked if there have been any decisions on what movies will be part of this year's fall movie series. Ken Lehr indicated that the schedule would be finalized in July. Ken Lehr said that Shrek III would be available in October in a 16mm format. Additionally, Spider Man III could also be available.

Pat McIlvaine began a discussion on an email the Township received from Jen Albano requesting additional handicap accessible seating at Robert E. Lambert Park. Ken Lehr informed that the Township currently has two handicap accessible seats out of the eighteen total seats (four tables) at the Robert E. Lambert Park. Mary Lou Enoches suggested asking Jen Albano if she has access to any funding that could be utilized to place an additional handicap accessible table at the park.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Smith