

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
July 15, 2009**

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

Township Representatives: Ken Lehr, Tom Steines, and Kent Wise

Meeting called to Order: 7:05 PM by Vice-Chair Jerry Napiecek

After a review of the minutes submitted for the June 17, 2009 meeting, a motion was made by Bob Cifone to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was second by Michael Pillagalli and passed.

The Financial Report dated June 30, 2009 was reviewed. Megan Zug asked if the Financial Report is based on a budget that runs on a fiscal year ending on June 30th or a calendar year budget that ends on December 31st. Ken Lehr indicated that the budget is a calendar year budget. There were no other questions or comments pertaining to the Financial Report.

Parks: Kent Wise reported that the crew is busy cutting grass and grooming the ballfields. Kent Wise indicated that five of the parking lot light pole bases at Community Park had to be replaced due to extensive rusting of the anchor bolts. Kent Wise stated that this is a direct result of faulty construction by the contractor that initially installed the light poles at the Community Park. As a result of the original contractor utilizing the wrong anchor bolts, the Township will have to remove the original concrete light bases, pour new concrete bases, and rewire each light pole at a cost to the Township of about \$1,200 per light. Kent Wise informed that the Township has had to replace 70% of the original electrical work and about 375 feet of the original sewer lines as a direct result of faulty construction by the original contractors. Nancy Pine asked if the Township had any recourse available to reclaim losses resulting from faulty construction. Kent Wise stated that the original electrical contractor at Community Park went out of business. Since that time, the contractor is now back in business but at this time has not been pressured to repay funds to the Township for the rework required to correct faulty construction. Kent Wise indicated that the original work was performed 12-13 years ago. Kent Wise reported that the Township has water/aquatic plants on backorder at this time. Kent Wise indicated that 75 to 100 of the plants will be used at Box Elder Pond to complete the current phase of cleanup efforts at the pond. Kent Wise informed that the Township has planted around 800 wetland plants to sections of the Bicking Drive retention basin. At this time, 70% of the basin work has been completed. The plantings on backorder should be in next week. At that time, the crew would finish basin work. Once this effort is complete, the only remaining task is to plant wildflowers along the berms. This task is planned for the fall 2009-spring 2010 timeframe. Kent Wise indicated that there were no new instances of vandalism to report at this time.

Recreation: Tom Steines, reporting on the Summer Recreation Program, informed that we are already into the fourth week of the program. Tom Steines stated that the campers have already been on several field trips including Ice Line, Bowling Palace, Water World, and roller skating. Tom Steines reported that to date there have been a few bumps and bruises but no major injuries to report. Additionally, Tom Steines informed that the weather has generally been good, and that the Township would cancel clinics in the event of inclement weather. Megan Zug asked if there have been any concerns and/or complaints voiced to date. Tom Steines indicated that several parents of the young children expressed concern at the start of the program over whether their child would socialize and participate in the planned activities. Tom Steines stated that he did receive complaints pertaining to some of the children playing too rough and informed that he has already talked to the parents to resolve this concern.

Tom Steines, reporting on the Summer Teen Program, reported that there are currently 37 campers registered for this year's program (up from 29 in 2008). Tom Steines informed that 27 of the campers

went whitewater rafting today (July 15th), and that everyone had a great time. Tom Steines reported that the community service projects are also going well. Mary Lou Enoches stated that everyone appreciates the great work that is being done with the Summer Recreation and Summer Teen Programs and thanked Tom Steines for his energy and enthusiasm helping to make the program successful. Tom Steines offered thanks to Kent Wise and his crew for the great support they provide to help make the program successful.

Friends of the Park: Ken Lehr reported that the Friends of West Goshen Parks Board of Directors meeting took place on Thursday July 2nd. Ken Lehr said the Friends of West Goshen Parks are planning a raffle to take place at the August 23rd Blackthorn concert. Ken Lehr indicated that Jennifer Dobbins is planning to order plastic shamrock beads and solicit gift certificates from local Irish Pubs to be raffled during the Blackthorn concert.

Old Business: Ken Lehr, reporting on Township bus trips, informed that the Township initially lined up three buses for the Friday, July 24th trip to Yankee Stadium. Ken Lehr indicated that the Township will take only two buses to the July 24th game, with ten spaces remaining on the second bus. Casey LaLonde would sell the remaining tickets on Stub Hub. Ken Lehr reported that the Township initially lined up two buses (with an option for a third) for the August 21st trip to Citi Field for the Mets/Phillies game. At this time there is enough demand for the third bus, so the Township will add a third bus for this trip. Ken Lehr informed that the Fall/Winter trips are advertised in the Summer Township Newsletter. These trips include a December 7th trip to Radio City Music Hall that includes dinner at Carmines for a cost of \$145/person, a December 12th "Tour New York City on your own" open bus trip for a cost of \$35/person and a November 7th trip to the Guggenheim and Whitney Museums featuring a guided tour provided by Inez Star for a cost of \$79/adult, \$75/senior (65 or older) and \$65/Child under 18.

Ken Lehr, reporting on Senior Water Walking at ACAC, informed that only two residents signed up for the July session. This was not an issue because ACAC filled the classes with their own clients. Additional summer sessions will be offered during the month of August. Each session will feature eight 45 minutes classes at a cost of \$50.00 per session. The sessions target West Goshen residents 50 years of age and older.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the July 4th Decorated Bike Parade, informed that about 90 children participated in this year's event. Ken Lehr stated that the Decorated Bike Parade usually has a drop off in attendance when the July 4th holiday falls on a weekend. Jerry Napiecek reported that he received feedback from a woman at the event stating that the event was "great" but suggesting that the Township should not give away prizes which make the event seem like a competition. Nancy Pine stated that this issue came to light because several children overacted when they did not win a prize. Jerry Napiecek stated that his personal opinion is that the prizes are part of the "charm" and add to the event. Ken Lehr informed that the Township offers prizes for the Egg Hunt, Decorated Bike Parade and scarecrow making contest. In addition to the winners getting prizes, everyone participating receives a medal. Mary Lou Enoches indicated that children have to learn that they can enjoy the event without having to win a prize. Megan Zug suggested the Township should advertise prizes will be awarded so families can make a decision whether they want to participate in the event. Ken Lehr indicated that he would clearly state the fact that prizes would be awarded on advertisements for the Egg Hunt, Decorated Bike Parade, and the scarecrow making contest.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Summer Concert Series, informed that around 200 people attended the June 28th "Classic/Pops" concert featuring the Shaw Strings, and around 900 people attended the "Motown" concert featuring Special Blendz. This marked the largest crowd Special Blendz has drawn in all their performances at the Summer Concert Series. Information on the 2009 Summer Concert Series is listed below:

Date	Theme	Featured Performers	Location	Attendance
June 7 th	Special Sneak Preview Concert	West Chester East High School Jazz Bands	Community Park	250 - 300
June 14 th	Children's Concert	John Flynn	Community Park	400
June 28 th	Classics and Pops	Shaw Strings	Community Park	200
July 12 th	Motown revisited	Special Blendz	Community Park	900
July 26 th	Your Hometown Band	Chester County Concert Band	Community Park	
August 9 th	Country-Western	Straight Shooter	Community Park	
August 23 rd	Irish Rock	Blackthorn	Community Park	

Ken Lehr, reporting on upcoming theatrical performances, informed that the Township is planning to present a Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company Production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Community Park on Saturday, July 18th at 7:00 PM. The raindate for the event is Sunday July 19th at 7:00 PM. Jerry Napiecek indicated that he would be able to provide support for the event.

Ken Lehr, reporting on Movie Nights, informed that advertising for the 2009 series appeared in the Summer Township Newsletter. Ken Lehr indicated that he has lined up "Hannah Montana" for a September 19th showing, Disney's "Earth" for a September 26th showing, and "Monsters vs. Aliens" for an October 3rd showing. A showing on October 10th will be chosen by Township residents. Ken Lehr stated that the policy at Disney allows movies to be presented outdoors in late August through September. Megan Zug suggested having ballots for the residents' choice movie presentation available at all Summer Convert Series events. Information on Movie Nights is listed below:

Date	Movie	Location	Attendance
September 19 th	Hannah Montana	Community Park	
September 26 th	Earth	Community Park	
October 3 rd	Monsters vs. Aliens	Community Park	
October 10 th	People's Choice	Community Park	

Bob Cifone, reporting on Community Gardens, stated that discussions on this topic would be on hold until the Township can identify a suitable site for a Community Garden. Ken Lehr stated that the Township placed a notice in the newsletter asking if anyone (person or business) would be willing to donate the use of their property for a Community Garden site.

Ken Lehr, reporting on Robert E. Lambert Park, informed that the Township is partnering with Fairman's to offer weeklong skateboarding camps from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on July 20th to 24th and August 17th to 21st. At this time, the first session is filled (33 skateboarders), and there are 11 skateboarders currently signed up for the second session. Mary Lou Enoches asked how inclement weather would impact the skateboarding camps. Ken Lehr informed that Fairman's has video instructions to show the skateboarders in the event of rain. Ken Lehr indicated that the skatepark would remain open to the public beginning at 10:00 AM, stating that the bulk of skateboarders attend the skatepark in the afternoon. Megan Zug stated that she has observed many visitors to the skatepark not wearing the required safety equipment including helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads. Ken Lehr indicated that he thought there was an improvement in the

use of the required safety equipment and asked Megan Zug to jot down the times she observed users of the skatepark failing to use the required safety equipment so he could talk to the attendants that were on duty at the time. Kent Wise informed that the dogpark would be closed between 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM daily to allow for grass cutting and other maintenance.

New Business: Ken Lehr provided an update on the Jerrehian property, informing that Casey LaLonde indicated that the Township would be receiving a revised plan for the property on August 2nd. Additionally, Ken Lehr reported that the recent edition of Money Magazine lists West Goshen Township as the 11th best place to live in the country.

Michael Pillagalli indicated that he has already completed the historic site surveys that identified all 1800 through mid 1900 dwellings in the Township for Stage 1 of the next comprehensive plan. Stage 2 of the comprehensive plan entails listing all Township dwellings that are more than 50 years old and also have some type of historical significance. Stage 3 of the comprehensive plan entails listing all Township dwellings that are more than 50 years old. Michael Pillagalli volunteered to create an atlas of all historical properties located within the Township. Mary Lou Enoches stated that creating the atlas identifying all historical properties was a good idea.

Jerry Napiecek indicated that he had several people approach him at the last Summer Concert Series concert asking for the location for a recycle bin. Jerry Napiecek stated that at this time the Township does not have recycle bins at the Township Parks and asked if this is something the Township should consider. Kent Wise indicated that he would need to hire an additional full-time employee to support the efforts required for offering recycling at the Township's parks. Additionally, Kent Wise stated that it currently takes two crew members the entire day on Monday to empty all of the trash cans at the Township's parks. Kent Wise indicated that the Township currently only recycles paper and cardboard, and stated that we do not have the means recycle the other materials. Michael Pillagalli reported there is a community paper recycle bin at the Fugett Middle School. Nancy Pine asked if it would be possible to see if the Township's trash hauler would be able to support a recycle bin at the Township's parks. Mary Lou Enoches suggested tabling the discussion on this topic until the next Park and Recreation Board meeting and asked if a Township representative could be present at that meeting to participate in the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Smith