

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2010**

Attending: Bob Cifone, Mary Lou Enoches, Nancy Pine and Ed Smith

Township Representatives: Ken Lehr, Tom Steines and Kent Wise

Public Representatives: Mary Bleecker interested in volunteering time for Township Park and Recreation activities

Meeting called to Order: 7:00 PM by Chair Nancy Pine

After a review of the minutes submitted for the June 16, 2010 meeting, a motion was made by Mary Lou Enoches to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was second by Bob Cifone and passed.

The Financial Report dated June 30, 2010 was reviewed. There were no questions or comments pertaining to the Financial Report.

Parks: Kent Wise reported the crews returned to cutting grass at the various Township parks this week as the weather improved. Kent Wise informed tree work was underway at several of the Township parks as a result of the recent storms. The parks impacted by the recent bad weather include Coopersmith Park, Barker Park, Cloud Park and the Community Park. Kent Wise indicated the crews were also working to complete updates to the foot bridge at Barker Park. Kent Wise reported on the days when the heat and temperature are oppressive, the crews are keeping busy in the shade scrubbing and painting trash barrels from the Township parks. Kent Wise informed the crews completed work to repair the 4 water hydrants located at the Community Park. The repair work was required because the bottoms were rotting out of each of the hydrants. Finally, Kent Wise informed there was \$4,100 left from the \$9,000 originally budgeted for fence repair stating he planned to utilize these funds to repair some of the fencing at the Richard C. Cloud Park.

Recreation: Tom Steines reporting on the Summer Recreation Program informed we are already into the 5th week of the program. Tom Steines stated the campers are enjoying sports and arts/crafts activities and stated there have been no major injuries to report of to date. Tom Steines informed campers are looking forward to the upcoming Carnival Day and talent show that will be hosted by members of the Summer Teen program.

Tom Steines reporting on the Summer Teen Program reported the campers just returned from a white water rafting trip to Jim Thorpe. Tom Steines reported the community service projects are also going well. This year's projects include providing community service work at the Chester County Community Foundation, Chester County Historical Society and for Chester County Park and Recreation at Springton Manor Farm.

Friends of the Park: Ken Lehr reporting on the Friends informed the Board of Directors meeting took place in early July stating the Friends are focusing their efforts on identifying ways to increase membership. Ken Lehr stated plans are underway to change the bylaws to allow non-residents to serve on the Board of the Friends. Ken Lehr asked the members of the Park and Recreation Board to give him contact information for anyone that would be interested in serving on the Board of the Friends.

Old Business: Ken Lehr reporting on Township bus trips informed the Township took 2 buses on the June 19th trip to New York City. Ken Lehr indicated the surveys from this trip were included in the Park and Recreation Board member information packet and stated the response to the trip was positive. Ken

Lehr informed that Township took 1 bus on the July 10th trip to see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Surveys from this trip were also included in the Park and Recreation Board member information packet. Ken Lehr reported the Township took 1 bus to the July 20th (Tuesday night) Yankees games stating about half of the available seats (22) were filled. Ken Lehr indicated that based on the disappointing attendance, the Township would not plan a return trip to Yankee Stadium unless it is for a week-end game. Finally, Ken Lehr informed the Township has added a second bus for the September 11th trip to Citi Field to see the Phillies play the Mets.

Ken Lehr reporting on the Summer Concert Series informed about 600 patrons attended the popular July 11th "Motown" concert featuring Special Blendz. This marked the 10 year Special Blendz has performed as part of the Township's Summer Concert series. The next concert scheduled is for July 25th featuring Blackthorn. Ken Lehr informed Platinum level sponsors are permitted to have a table present at Summer Concert Series events and indicated TD Bank has requested to have a table at the Blackthorn concert. Information on the 2010 Summer Concert Series is listed below:

Date	Theme	Featured Performers	Location	Attendance
June 13 th	Children's Concert	David Jack	West Chester East High School	50 - 60
June 27 th	Jazz	Barbone Street Jazz Band	Community Park	150
July 11 th	Motown	Special Blendz	Community Park	600
July 25 th	Irish Rock	Blackthorn	Community Park	TBD
August 8 th	Local Vocals	Bryn Mawr Mainliners	Community Park	TBD
August 22 nd	Fiesta Latina	Jimmy Jorge and the Latin Express	Community Park	TBD

Ken Lehr reporting on the Township fitness programs informed the Adventure Boot Camp is the only program being offered at this time. The current session runs from July 12th through July 30th with another summer session scheduled for August 9th through September 3rd.

Ken Lehr reporting on the July 4th Decorated Bike Parade informed about 50 children participated in this year's event. Ken Lehr stated the Decorated Bike parade usually has a drop off in attendance when the July 4th holiday falls on a week-end stating this year's attendance was reflective of that trend. Ken Lehr indicated that in spite of the low attendance the event was very well received.

Ken Lehr reporting on the Robert E Lambert Park informed the Township is in the process of hiring 1 more attendant tomorrow (July 22nd). Ken Lehr informed 3 of the attendants have resigned their positions over the last 3 months.

New Business: Public representative Mary Bleecker offered thanks to the members of the Park and Recreation Board for the July 17th production of "The Miser" at the Community Park. Mary Bleecker indicated she was interested in volunteering time to help out with the Friends.

Ken Lehr informed around 200 patrons attended the Saturday, July 17th production of "The Miser" at the Community Park. Ken Lehr indicated it was a good performance by the Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company.

Ken Lehr reported Spaz Beverages has moved to a new location on West Chester Pike informing JPI Properties is planning to develop the old location at the intersection of Rt. 202 and South Matlack Street with a proposed apartment complex. Ken Lehr indicated the Township would not receive any land as part

of this transaction but would get proceeds for the Open Space Reserve fund. Bob Cifone asked if the proceeds from this transaction could be utilized to develop a piece of the Jerrehian property into a community garden. Kent Wise indicated it would be possible to locate a pump at one of the lakes on the property to provide a water source for a community garden. Ken Lehr stated if the Dog Park were to be relocated on the Jerrehian property, the current Dog Park site could be transformed into a community garden. Kent Wise suggested that any proceeds from the Spaz Beverage transaction could be utilized to build additional and much needed storage at the Community Park stating additional rooms could be added on to the Concession Stand structure. Ken Lehr indicated he would find out if these proceeds can be utilized for capital improvements or if the proceeds are restricted to acquisitions.

Ken Lehr informed he would not be able to attend the August Park and Recreation Board meeting on August 18th. Mary Lou Enoches asked if the August Park and Recreation Board could be either skipped or re-scheduled for another date. Ken Lehr indicated he would check with Casey Lalonde to determine if the Park and Recreation Board can make the decision to skip the August meeting or if this decision needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Smith