

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2011**

Attendance: Joseph Waters, Ed Smith, Mike Pillagalli, Nancy Pine, Robert Cifone, and Jerry Napiecek

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

Township Supervisors: Pat McIlvaine, Ed Meakim

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair Nancy Pine.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the November 17th meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Jerry Napiecek after a name correction was made from Nancy Bleecker to Mary Bleecker as Secretary of the Friends of West Goshen Parks.

Treasury Statement was reviewed without questions.

Parks Department: Kent Wise advised the board that the crew is doing winter maintenance on all equipment. Grills have been pulled, wire brushed, and resurfaced. The trailer has been cleaned and painted and the decking has been sealed. Seven trees were purchased from an Agway sale and six have been planted at Community Park and one at Fresh Meadows. The wooded area of Barker Park is being cleared of overgrown brush and a new gate was made for the entrance. Since the crew is coupled with the Roads Crew for the winter, they have been busy plowing and salting township roads. Collection of Christmas trees is going well with @ 200 to 250 in a pile at Community Park.

Summer Recreation and Teen Program: Tom Steines reported that letters of interest for working in summer 2011 went out to all counselors from the 2010 season. Four of the 26 counselor positions have already been spoken for from last year. Tom is currently accepting applications for this summer's positions. Camp is eight weeks from June 20th to August 12th. New field trip ideas are being explored for the 2011 season.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: Jerry Napiecek reported that a meeting was held on January 6, 2011. The open Treasurer position was filled by Marilyn Reich. Fundraising ideas for March were discussed among President John Herley and Ken Lehr.

Sponsors of the Summer Concert Series were recognized at the December Board of Supervisors Meeting and photos were taken for publication. The West Goshen Township Newsletter highlights the Friends of West Goshen Parks in its current issue which help with the recognition they so richly deserve.

Bus Trips: Ken Lehr reported that the two planned New York City bus trips in December went off without any apparent hitches. Upcoming trips include a February 26th tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art with a professional guide (1 bus), a March 26th visit to Washington, DC for the Cherry Blossom Festival (2 buses), and a May 28-3 trip to Boston at \$650.00 per person, double occupancy for three nights. Ken Lehr noted that no Philadelphia Flower Show bus trip was scheduled for 2011 due to cost and apparent lack of interest.

Summer Concerts: Special Blendz has been contacted for this season and other bands are being contacted by Ken Lehr.

Holiday Breakfast: December 18th and 19th at The Stadium Grille. As usual, a success. About 70 attended the first seating and 50 registered for the second seating.

Holiday Craft Workshop: Thanks to Kelly Cifone for two successful workshops of Holiday Decorations.

Skate Park: Two new attendants were hired for the skatepark but have not worked yet due to snowy weekends.

Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade: To be held on April 16th. Eggs and candy will be distributed at the February Park and Recreation Board meeting

Fitness Program: Yoga and Pilates will start on January 31th and be held on Monday nights for 6 weeks for the Winter Session. A six week spring session will follow, beginning on March 21st.

Blood Drive: Ken Lehr announced that a blood drive will be held at the Township Building on February 1st. Anyone interested in donating blood should contact Kate at the Township Building to register for a donation time.

Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society: Ken Lehr announced a Citizen Symposium will be held in Valley Forge on Sunday, March 20th for Park and Recreation board members. West Goshen Board members can attend after signing up with the Township.

Skatepark: Discussion was held on using some of the money set aside for construction at the Community Park to create a shade structure at the skatepark.

On a motion by Joseph Waters and a second by Robert Cifone, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Submitted by Mike Pillagalli