

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
February 16, 2011**

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

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

**Township Supervisors:** no one present

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Nancy Pine.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the January 19, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Jerry Napiecek and seconded by Robert Cifone.

Treasury Statement was reviewed without questions.

**Parks Department:** Kent Wise advised the board that the crew is doing winter maintenance on all equipment and replacing some. The fence at the tennis courts at Community Park is being heightened and that will be followed in the spring by resurfacing. Since the crew is coupled with the Roads Crew for the winter, they have been busy plowing and salting township roads. Cleanup of fallen trees and branches continues but some progress has been hindered by the snow and ice.

**Summer Recreation and Teen Program:** Tom Steines indicated that letters of interest for working in summer of 2011 went out to all counselors from the 2010 season. Nine of the 26 counselor positions have already been spoken for from last year. Tom is currently accepting letters for this summer's positions. Deadline for submitting applications for counselor positions will be cut off on March 31st and for Junior Counselors on April 28th. Camp is eight weeks from June 20th to August 12th. New field trip ideas are being explored for the 2011 season for our half-day program. Registration will take place at the Township Building on May 7th and 14th. June 4th will be the counselor orientation with CPR Training and Recertification. Mr. Steines attended a Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society symposium on children with special needs as it applies to summer recreation. Discussion ensued about the liability issues that come along with this situation.

**Friends of West Goshen Parks:** Jerry Napiecek said that a meeting will be held on March 3, 2011.

**Bus Trips:** Ken Lehr reported on the following upcoming trips:

- February 26, Metropolitan Museum of Art with a professional guide—1 bus/ filled with 54
- March 26, Cherry Blossom Festival—2 buses/25 seats still open
- May 28-31, Boston/ 3 nights at @ \$650.00 per person, double occupancy
- July/September Phillies vs. Mets-- One bus per event.
- July 31 Yankee Stadium/1 bus
- June 25, Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty
- October 5 Trip to NYC for Jersey Boys /\$175.00 for the entire trip.
- October 22, Annapolis--1 bus

**Summer Concerts:** Special Blendz has disbanded and is no longer performing. A Children's Concert is being looked into through references from Plymouth Township. Zydeco a Go-Go is booked for June 26th

and the Greaseband is scheduled for July 10. The Rose Valley Chorus, A Country Western band and The Military Band are all pending due to available dates.

**Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade:** Eggs were distributed for filling by the March 16th meeting. The event will take place at Community Park on April 16th. Guest Bunny will be Jerry Napiecek this year!

**Dog Park and Skate Park:** The skatepark has been closed for two months due to the winter weather. February 28th marks the start of spring hours of 4:00 PM to sunset on weekdays.

**Fitness Program:** Yoga and pilates will start on March 21st and be held on Monday nights for six weeks. Winter Session was cancelled to lack of registrations.

**Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society:** A Citizens' Symposium to be held in Valley Forge at the Convention Center this year on March for Park and Recreation board members as part of the March 19-23 Park and Recreation Annual Conference. West Goshen board members can attend after signing up with the township.

**Lambert Skatepark:** Discussion was held on using some of the money set aside for the Restricted Park Capital Account to create a shade structure at the skatepark. Initial ideas from outside source have the drawings, structure, and installation costs around \$20,000.00. Kent Wise advised that installation costs about 50% of that figure. There are still some logistical questions about placement of said structure. Structure is to be permanent and about fifty feet long.

**Development Sign:** Signage indicates a new West Goshen neighborhood to be built adjacent to North Hills. It is not a part of the Jerrehian Property.

**West Goshen Tidbit:** Casey LaLonde informed that West Goshen encompasses 12 square miles and of that 1 square mile is the Jerrehian Property.

On a motion by Robert Cifone and a second by Kent Wise, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Submitted by Mike Pillagalli