

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

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

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

**Township Supervisors:** no one present

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the February 16, 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 heavily involved with spring cleanup. The baseball field have all been worked over, as they were supposed to open on March 15th, but with the inclement weather, they will officially open on March 17th. The restrooms at Community Park have been opened for the season after some plumbing work was called in for repair. Kent Wie reported that there was some damage to the soccer fields from unauthorized players using the field.

**Summer Recreation and Teen Program:** Tom Steines is currently accepting letters for this summer's positions for counselor and junior counselor. Deadline for submitting applications for counselor positions will be March 31st and for junior counselors April 28th. One must be eighteen years old by the first day of camp to be a counselor and sixteen for a junior counselor. Camp is eight weeks from June 20th to August 12th. Two of the three head counselor positions are already filled from returning counselors and 12 of the 24 counselors are hired for this season. Two of the three Teen Program counselors will return and one new one will be hired. New field trip ideas are being explored for the 2011 season based on our half-day program. Registration will take place at the Township Building on May 7th and 14th. June 4th will be the counselor orientation where CPR training and recertification will be held.

**Friends of West Goshen Parks:** A meeting was held on March 10, 2011. Ten new memberships have been received from the Township Newsletter. The current officers were placed on the ballot for reappointment. Some of the Friends of West Goshen Parks may attend the Decorated Hat Parade and Easter Egg Hunt. Some discussion ensued about the length of time that the Friends of West Goshen Parks have been in existence. Next meeting of the Friends of West Goshen Parks will be held on May 5th.

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

- February 26, Metropolitan Museum of Art with a professional guide was a success.
- March 26, Cherry Blossom Festival
- May 28-31, Boston/ 3 nights at @ \$650.00 per person, double occupancy. Ten have signed up so far.
- June 11, New York City on your own
- June 25, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island--37 of 54 seats filled to date
- July/September Phillies vs. Mets-- One bus per event.

- July 31 Yankee Stadium/1 bus
- October 5 ---NYC for Jersey Boys /\$175.00 for the entire trip.
- Annapolis on October 22/ 1 bus

**Summer Concerts:** A Children's Concert is being held as the first concert on June 12. June 26th is Zydeco a Go-Go and the Greaseband is scheduled for July 24th. Ken Lehr said he would try to schedule the country music concert on July 7th. August 7 should be Special Blendz followed by the U.S. Navy Jazz Band on August 21st.

**Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade:** Eggs were distributed. The event will take place at Community Park on April 16th. Rain date is April 23rd. Guest bunny will be Jerry Napiecek this year. Volunteers to spread eggs should report to the park at 9:00 for a 10:30 Egg Hunt start. Discussion was held on holding the two older age brackets at the same time and beginning separately with the youngest age group.

**Dog Park and Skate Park:** February 28th marked the opening with spring hours of 3:00 PM. to sunset on week days. The Park and Recreation Department is teaming up with Fairman's to hold some summer workshops and a skate camp. Fairman's runs a "Skate Jam" for skateboarders monthly with West Goshen Parks.

**Fitness Program:** Yoga and Pilates will start on March 21st and be held on Monday nights for six weeks. Seven enrollees were needed to have the program and nine have signed up.

**New Business:** YMCA was interested in holding a Healthy Kids Day which was the same day as our Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade. Since all of the fields will be in use and the amphitheater will be the Egg Hunt site, we had to decline involvement with the YMCA and the Day.

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society's Citizen Symposium to be held in Valley Forge at the Convention Center this year on March 20th for Park and Recreation board members. West Goshen Board member Robert Cifone will be attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Mary Lou Enoches.