

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
May 18, 2011**

**Attendance:** Ed Smith, Mike Pillagalli, Nancy Pine, Robert Cifone, Jerry Napiecek, Joe Waters.

West Goshen Staff: Kent Wise, Ken Lehr, Tom Steines, and Casey LaLonde

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the April 20, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Jerry Napiecek and a second by Joe Waters.

Treasury Statement was reviewed with questions regarding account lines with current negative expense.

**Parks Department:** Kent Wise advised the board that the crew is heavily involved with grass maintenance due to the spring rains. The drainpipe behind the softball field has been worked on and is now working to drain the fields of excess water. Two summer helpers have started working with the existing crew. No vandalism or graffiti has been reported.

**Summer Recreation and Summer Teen Programs:** Tom Steines reported that all of the hired counselors and staff are anxious to start the 2011 Summer Program on June 20th. There was good enrollment on both days of sign-ups, which took place at the Township Building on May 7th and 14th. There are still some vacancies in each of the parks. All counselors are hired and junior counselors are finished with the interview process and bids for jobs will be forthcoming. Field trips are all lined up. June 4th will be the counselor orientation, with CPR training and recertification.

**Friends of West Goshen Parks:** A meeting was held on May 5, 2011. Nominations for Board officers have all been confirmed. Four new memberships have been received. Sponsorship letters for Summer Concert Series have been mailed to businesses. Two sponsors and several pledges have been received. There was discussion at the May 5th meeting about holding a raffle again this summer during the concert series as a fundraiser.

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

- May 28-31--Boston/ 3 nights at @ \$650.00 per person, double occupancy: 21 have signed up so far through West Goshen, East Goshen, and West Chester.
- June 11-New York City on your own: A second bus has been added.
- June 25--Ellis Island: Has filled.
- July 16- Citi Field Ballgame
- July 31-Yankee Stadium
- August 20- National Stadium: A second bus has been added.
- September 24 - Citi Field Ballgame
- October 5 --New York City for Jersey Boys /\$175.00 for the entire trip.
- October 22- Annapolis / 1 bus
- December 5- Radio City Music Hall Bus Trip

**Summer Concerts:** A Children's Concert is being held as the first concert on June 12. June 26th is Zydeco a Go-Go. Country Music Concert is planned for July 7th and the Grease Band is scheduled for

July 24th. Special Blendz performs on August 7th followed by the U.S. Navy Jazz Band on August 21st. A Park and Recreation Board sign-up sheet was passed around for concert attendance.

**Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade:** Eggs were distributed at the pavilion during the rain date of April 23rd. Guest Bunny utilized Santa's chair under the pavilion to pass out bags of gathered eggs. 100 to 200 families attended the rainy event.

**Dogpark and Skatepark:** The skatepark has reopened after being closed due to conditions that were unacceptable. The Park and Recreation Department is teaming up with Fairman's to hold some summer skatecamps in June, July, and August. Ken Lehr indicated that Fairman's has been a great partner to the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department for all of their collaborations with the skatepark. Ken Lehr expressed his gratitude to Fairman's. "Enter and Use At Your Own Risk" signs have been hung at the park and the webcam allows monitoring through the internet and DVD facilities that are reviewed by the West Goshen Police as needed.

**New Business:** Bob Cifone reported on his attendance on March 20th at the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society's Citizen Symposium which was held at the Valley Forge Convention Center. Bob attended sessions including playground safety and native plants. He reviewed how West Goshen appeared to already comply with all the safety features that were reviewed for playground equipment. Kent Wise added that we already have two Parks crew members who are Certified Playground Safety Inspectors.

The American Legion has requested utilizing the Community Park for its annual American Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. The Park and Recreation Board unanimously approved this request.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM on a motion by Bob Cifone and seconded by Jerry Napiecek.