

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
January 18, 2012**

**Attendance:** Ed Smith, Mary Lou Enoches, Mike Pillagalli, Robert Cifone, Joseph Waters, Nancy Pine, Jerry Napiecek, and Alternate Michael McKinley

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Joseph Waters.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the November 16th meeting were amended to remove wording in Parks Department report about drainage "around the pitcher's mound and home plate of Flagg Field.". On a motion by Enoches and seconded by Napiecek they were then approved.

Treasury Statement was reviewed without questions.

**Parks Department:** Kent wise reported that the Roads Department has vacated Building C to their new quarters. The Parks Department has cleaned and painted the space and installed shelving and work benches. Currently Park "stuff" is being moved into the space vacated by Roads Department. New work stations are also being set up in the new space. Insulation of the wings will be conducted in the future by an outside contractor. The Parks crew has been working at Community Park replacing the playground safety mulch which has been in place, with replenishing, since the opening of the park and was showing decomposition and was not draining properly. The old mulch has to be dug out by hand due to saving landscaping material underneath. 100 yards of new mulch has been applied to the playground and work is ongoing with the tot lot, which will also utilize 100 yards of mulch. This process needs to be undertaken every ten to twelve years.

**Summer Recreation and Teen Program:** Tom Steines reported that counselors have been contacted about returning for summer 2012. About 50% of those contacted plan to return. Deadlines for counselor applications are March 29th, and April 20th for Junior Counselors. Field trips are been organized and booked.

**Friends of West Goshen Parks:** Jerry Napiecek reported that there was a meeting of the Board of Directors on January 5, 2012. Sponsors were recognized at the December Supervisors Meeting. Discussion ensued about better marketing strategies for membership. Summer Concert series cost \$8800.00 and the sponsorships covered \$8500.00. The Board of The Friends of West Goshen Parks is currently looking for alternate sponsors. They are considering funding (raffle?) at each concert except the Children's Concert as the one at the Greaseband concert netted \$150.00. The Friends will be onboard for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade. Membership solicitation was discussed with a possible "Young Friends" support system for community service hours.

Chair Joseph Waters congratulated Ken Lehr on his article in the current edition of *Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks*.

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

- February 8 – "Wicked:" Theatre and dinner and transportation for \$175.00. SOLD OUT
- March 24 - Cherry Blossom Festival--2 busses

- April 21 - Cloisters and Metropolitan Museum of Art with guides at the facilities and not on the bus.
- May 6 –Bus trip to Nationals Park
- June 9—Bus trip to Baltimore.
- October 5/6/7—Probable trip to West Point, Hyde Park, Vanderbilt Museum and surrounding areas.

**Summer Concerts:** Ken Lehr reported that Summer Concert sponsors for 2011 were recognized at the December Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Greaseband was contacted to come back this summer for an attempt at an outdoor concert. They are interested and will perform for the same price as 2011. Special Blendz has disbanded. A children's concert has been arranged for June 10th. Four Irish Bands have been contacted along with three Salsa/Latin groups. Thoughts of including a swing or jazz band and a folk or Mummers group performing were discussed.

**Holiday Breakfast:** Reservations were down from the previous year to around 70. There was talk about the supervisors underwriting some of the cost. Discussion ensued about the attendance and the need for high chairs at the facility. Is the cost of \$12.00 per person too high for a family with several children??

**Holiday Craft Workshop:** Kelly Cifone continued to host the event for three separate sessions. A grand "Thank You" to Kelly for her help!!

**Dogpark and Skatepark:** The shade shelter has been installed by the contractor but a slight bow in the structure has been detected by the contractor and reported to the manufacturer. The manufacturer has supplied a stiffener and the contractor is working with them to ensure a safe and secure installation of added components. There appears to be some wear and tear to the asphalt and the ramps at the skatepark. Restoration is being looked at with an eye toward the structure and the macadam topping into which it has settled.

**New Business:** Ken Lehr said the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade will be held on March 31st with a rain date of April 4th. Eggs will be handed out at the February meeting. Jerry Napiecek has volunteered to be the Easter Bunny.

Casey LaLonde said the Supervisors are visiting the current noise ordinance and looking at the contents of said document.

Supervisor Liaisons to Township Committees will be established at the February Supervisors meeting.

There will be a blood drive on February 7th at the Township Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Mary Lou Enoches.