

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
February 15, 2012**

**Attending:** Ed Smith, Mike Pillagalli, Robert Cifone, Joseph Waters, and 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 January 18, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Ed Smith.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed without questions.

**Parks Department:** Kent Wise reported that the Parks Crew has been working at Community Park replacing the playground safety mulch which has been in place 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 to save 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. The sandbox was worked on and new sand replaced old which was mixed with mulch and debris. The remaining sand from a large delivery was dispersed over the volleyball courts. A BP Henry wall was also added to provide seating for people at the tot lot. One of the remaining house facades will be wired and stuccoed. There is a request for the Friends of West Goshen Parks to donate a child's sized picnic table for that area to enable tots to sit there and eat or work. Requested amount for table cost is \$1000.00. The five wooden tables at the top of the amphitheater were replaced with new ones made from recycled materials. They are currently being constructed for summer usage. The grills have been cleaned and painted.

**Summer Recreation and Teen Programs:** Tom Steines reported that counselors have been contacted about returning for the summer of 2012. About 50% of those contacted plan to return at this point. Deadlines for applications are March 29, 2012 for counselors and April 26, 2012 for junior counselors. Field trips are been organized and booked.

**The Friends of West Goshen Parks:** The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for March 1, 2012.

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

- February 8—"Wicked:" This trip sold out, and there were good reviews on a survey to indicate repeat of similar activities.
- March 24-- Cherry Blossom Festival: Two buses going with some seats still available.
- April 21--Cloisters and Metropolitan Museum of Art, with guides at the facilities and not on the bus: Filled with six on wait list.
- May 6--Bus trip to Nationals Park: Deposit was cashed, tickets were denied, Township is waiting for a return of the deposit.
- June 9--Bus trip to Baltimore. Cost is \$69.00 with an option for a free bonus ticket for their
- September 9th game with Tampa Bay.
- October 5-7--Probable trip to Hudson River Valley 3 days for @ \$575.00.

**Summer Concerts:** Ken Lehr reported that the Children's Concert featuring the Cool Beans Band will be held on June 10th. The Greaseband was contacted to come back this summer on July 22nd. The Swing Kings will perform on August 19th. Latin jazz and an Irish band are in negotiations for performances.

**Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade:** Will be held on March 31st with a rain date of April 7th. Eggs were handed out at the February meeting. Jerry Napiecek has volunteered to be the Easter Bunny.

**Holiday Breakfast:** A tentative letter to the Board of Supervisors was reviewed for content and suggestions for lowering the cost to families. Joe Waters and Jerry Napiecek will collaborate on the contents for revision and present at March meeting.

**Dog Park and Skate Park:** The shade structure 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 a separate contractor has applied the new pieces.

**New Business:** Nick Napiecek spoke with the Park and Recreation Board about the possibility of bringing in the Philadelphia Soul team for a "Town Takeover" program at Community Park. Their target is young families. The team would come here and put on a practice session for about an hour with the cheerleaders and company attending with the team. They would also sell tickets to their games as part of the arrangement. Discussion ranged from ticket requirements for the township to security and cleanup. Discussion on the possible event will ensue in coming meetings.

A summer concert provided by elementary schools of the West Chester Area School District was reviewed for usage at Community Park on May 9th at 7 PM. Kent Wise raised concerns regarding parking, with the fields already reserved for practices on that date. Ken Lehr would look into parking availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Ed Smith.