

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
March 21, 2012**

**Attending:** Ed Smith, Mike Pillagalli, Robert Cifone, Joseph Waters, Michael McKinley, Mary Lou Enoches

**Township Staff:** Ken Lehr, Tom Steines, Kent Wise

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the February 15, 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 spreading Diamondtex on the ballfields. The fields have opened as of March 15th. Spring clean-up is nearing completion due to unseasonably warm weather. One of the remaining house facades was wired and stuccoed. There was 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 \$1,000.00. The request has been approved by the Friends of the Park. Grass cutting has already started.

**Summer Recreation and Teen Program:** Tom Steines reported that counselors have been contacted about returning for the summer of 2012. Over 50% of those contacted plan to return. All three of the Teen Program counselors are returning. Application deadlines are March 29<sup>th</sup> for counselors and April 26<sup>th</sup> for junior counselors. Field trips have been organized and booked. Registration dates are May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00 AM.

**Friends of West Goshen Parks:** A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on March 8, 2012. They approved the request to donate \$1000.00 to the Parks Department for the purchase of a picnic table for the tot lot.

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

- 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.
- May 12 --Yankee Stadium.
- June 9--Baltimore.
- September 15—Possible Broadway trip for Evita w/ Ricky Martin.
- October 5/6/7—Trip to Hudson River Valley 3 days for @ \$575.00

**Summer Concerts:** Ken Lehr indicated that arrangements have been finalized for the following concerts:

- Children's Concert—Cool Beans, June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Scottish Rock Band Concert—First Highland Watch, June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Latin Jazz --Café con Pan, July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Greaseband—July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Folk Music—The Rob Dickenson Band, August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Swing Kings—August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade:** Will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of April 4<sup>th</sup>. Event begins at 10:30 AM. Set-up starts at 9:00 AM.

**Holiday Breakfast:** A tentative letter to the Board of Supervisors was reviewed last month and a suggestion for lowering the cost to families was considered. Joe Waters and Jerry Napiecek will further collaborate on the contents for revision and present at April meeting.

**Dogpark and skatepark:** The skatepark is being heavily used due to the great weather. There seems to be some movement of the boxes to make more open skating space and due to safety and liability this needs to be addressed. This could be damaging to the surrounding fence which has been replaced once already and also repaired once.

**New Business:** An email received from an USTA girls team asked for reserved time on the tennis courts. We do not allow this as it ties up the courts. The Park and Recreation Board decided not to address any potential changes to the court usage policy.

An email was received from Anthony Cilio with suggestions and complaints about bus trips. The items were reviewed.

Ken Lehr announced that West Goshen will host a June 23, 2012 Township Open House for the Municipal Complex from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

The Park and Recreation Board discussed making more out of Harvest Day with some other venues of entertainment, and whether a sponsor could cover the cost of the pumpkins.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Mary Lou Enoches and seconded by Robert Cifone.