

West Goshen Township
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
September 19, 2012

Minutes

Attending: Bob Cifone, Mary Lou Enoches, Jerry Napiecek, Nancy Pine, Ed Smith, and Joe Waters

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

Public Representatives: Elliot Steines

Meeting called to Order: 7:00 PM by Chair Joe Waters

After a review of the minutes submitted for the August 15, 2012 meeting, a motion was made by Jerry Napiecek to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Nancy Pine and passed.

The Financial Report dated August 31, 2012 was reviewed. There were no questions or comments pertaining to the Financial Report.

Parks: Kent Wise reported that the crew continues to keep the grounds mowed and the ballfields groomed. At Community Park work was done to aerate and overseed the playing surface at Flagg Field and the Little League field. At Cloud field "Diamond-tex" was added to the infield basepaths. Kent Wise informed that the new sign ordered for Cloud Field has not been installed at this time, and indicated that the old sign was removed last week. At Coopersmith Park tree work was required to clean up from the recent storms. Joe Waters stated that the flowers and plantings at Community Park, Coopersmith Park, and around the Township Building look great. Kent Wise indicated that he would pass the compliments along to crew and in particular to Joe Smith.

Recreation: Tom Steines reporting on the Summer Recreation Program pointed out that copies of the end of year report were included in the Park and Recreation Board members' information packet. Tom Steines said that attendance for this year's program was similar to previous years and indicated that there were no major injuries to report. Mary Lou Enoches asked if the Township would consider offering a full day program in the future. Tom Steines indicated two challenges of providing a full day program are identifying what to do in the event of inclement weather and determining how to provide lunches for the campers.

Tom Steines, reporting on the Summer Teen Program, referred to copies of the end of year report that were included in the Park and Recreation Board members' information packet. Tom Steines indicated that the 2012 program was very successful. All three of the councilors returned from last year. Tom Steines reported that attendance was good at both the field trips and the community service projects.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: Jerry Napiecek, reporting on the Friends of west Goshen Parks, informed that their last Board meeting was held on September 6th. Jerry Napiecek said Fred Beans Ford Lincoln Mercury of West Chester sponsored the Fall Movie Series. Jerry Napiecek indicated that the Friends continue to look for ways to get their name out to the public. The 50/50 fundraiser held at the Greaseband Concert is an example of this effort that was very successful. Jerry Napiecek reported that members from the Friends would staff an information table during Harvest Day activities and provide support monitoring snacks, drinks, and a collection jug for the Veterans Hospital. Finally, Jerry Napiecek said Friends member John Smith would utilize his strong sales and marketing background during Harvest Day festivities going one on one with participants in an attempt to give the public a better awareness of what the Friends do and how they can help.

Old Business: Ken Lehr reported on the following Township bus trips :

September 21st - Yankee Stadium. 36 out of 49 available seats have been sold. Any unsold tickets will be posted on StubHub.

November 3rd - Freedom Tour of New York by Land and Water. 1/4 of the available seats sold in the first two weeks tickets were made available. Space is available at \$129 per person.

December 1st - Tour New York on your own. Space is available at \$35 per person.

December 3rd - Radio City Music Hall. Space is available at \$159 per person.

Ken Lehr informed the Township is looking to offer the following Bus Trips in 2013.

January 19th - Guggenheim and Museum of Modern Art

February 20th - Mamma Mia on Broadway

March 20th - Phantom of the Opera on Broadway

April 6th - Washington, DC for Cherry Blossom Festival

May 18th - Ellis Island and the Status of Liberty

June 29th - New York on Your Own

July 20th - Citi Field for Mets vs Phillies

Ken Lehr indicated he would have more information at the next Park and Recreation Board meeting on the October 5-7 Hudson Valley trip.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Summer Concert Series said he would like to schedule a wrap-up/planning meeting prior to the October 17th or November 21st Park and Recreation Board meetings. Ken Lehr stated he thought the November 21st Park and Recreation Board meeting should be rescheduled to November 13th so it would not fall on the night before Thanksgiving. The members of the Park and Recreation Board agreed to have the wrap-up/planning meeting at 6:30 PM on November 13th prior to the Park and Recreation Board meeting.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Fall Movie Series, informed that the 2012 program would feature four dates. Start time is 7:30 PM. Ken Lehr asked the members of the Park and Recreation Board to volunteer to provide support for one or more of movie presentations, stating that there is manual labor required to set up and take down the screen and set up the Township meeting room in the event of inclement weather. Joe Waters suggested utilizing the Township's call system to inform residents of the upcoming events stating the announcements could be sent out to residents the Thursday prior to the presentation. Kent Wise indicated he would also have people available to help. Information on Movie Nights is listed below:

Date	Movie	Location	Attendance
September 22 nd	The Lorax	Community Park	
September 29 th	Adventures of Tintin	Community Park	
October 6 th	Puss in Boots	Community Park	
October 13 th	Mirror Mirror	Community Park	

Ken Lehr, reporting on Harvest Day, said the 2012 festivities are scheduled for Sunday, October 21st from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Community Park. Ken Lehr indicated that Michael Pillagalli has made arrangements to line up their haywagon for this year's event. Ken Lehr said Rob Dickenson will perform at Harvest Day. Joe Waters stated it would be nice to have the music start earlier in the program. Ken Lehr indicated that Rob Dickenson is scheduled to perform from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. All volunteers are asked to arrive at Community Park by noon to help with preparations and set up the pumpkin patch.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Holiday Breakfast, informed that he contacted the West Chester Area School District to determine what the cost would be to the Township if the Holiday Breakfast was held at Fern Hill School. Ken Lehr indicated that the costs would include \$10/hour for usage of the facilities, a \$60/hour custodial fee and a \$24/hour charge from Aramark. Ken Lehr indicated that the Township might not be able to get these fees waived if the Township charges admission to the event. Ken Lehr informed that he also looked at

the feasibility of holding the event at Timothy's in the Parkway Center. He indicated that there is capacity to support a one day event but that would required using the dining and bar areas of the facility. The cost would be around \$9/person. Ken Lehr reported Applebees offers "flapjack fund raisers" that include pancakes, two pieces of sausage, juice and coffee for \$2.50/person. However, due to scheduling conflicts, this would not be an options for 2012. Ken Lehr said the West Chester Diner also has capacity utilizing divided rooms for around 110 people at a cost of \$10/person if the event is held on a Saturday. If the event is held on a Sunday, their capacity is around 80 people. Ken Lehr reported other options could include holding the event at the Helicopter Museum or Fame Fire Company for one more year. Ken Lehr stated that the Park and Recreation Board is under budget for 2012 so we could use the excess to subsidize cost of holding the event at Timothy's.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the dogpark, informed that there was nothing new to report at this time. Kent Wise said there have been no issues at the dogpark to report.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss at this time. The members of the Park and Recreation Board were thrilled to meet the new addition to Tom Steines family. Elliot Steines attended his first Park and Recreation Board meeting and made a great impression on everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Smith