

West Goshen Township
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
February 27, 2013

Attending: Ed Smith, Mike Pillagalli, Nancy Pine, Robert Cifone, Jerry Napiecek, and Mike McKinley

Township Representatives: Ken Lehr, Tom Steines, Dorine Hannum, and Casey LaLonde

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Edward Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the January 16th meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Jerry Napiecek.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed without any questions.

Parks: Dorine Hannum reported that Hamlet Crest lights are up and working. Picnic tables have been worked on and are ready for summer season usage. Dog boxes for waste were made, and some existing ones were refurbished, for park properties. Some stone at the end of the pathway was replaced at Coopersmith Park. Fencing around the volleyball court was removed and repurposed at Barker and Coopersmith Parks. The Paoli Pike Park signage was restored and repositioned back at its original spot. Park equipment has been attended to and the grills have been painted and made ready for summer usage. A small, arched bridge was constructed at Community Park by the picnic area. The crew is prepping Community Park for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade. No new vandalism was reported. The camera system in operation is working and effective.

Summer Recreation and Summer Teen Programs: February 28th is the deadline for counselor applications. 50% return rate as of the day before closure. The applications for junior counselors will be accepted until April 28th. Registration is set for May 4th and May 11th. The programs will run from June 24th to August 16th. The Summer Teen Program has three staff returning all of whom know the program and the campers. Plans are pending to relocate the Summer Teen Program to Lambert Park as it provides shelter and a room to be used as a clubhouse.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: March 3rd, 2013 is their next board meeting.

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

January 19th -- New York City visit to Guggenheim Museum and Metropolitan Museum of Art turned out not to be a successful trip as the transportation was a major issue. Due to the circumstances, the tour attendees were given a 50% reimbursement. A committee was formed to establish policies and guidelines for bus trips. Kudos were expressed for Ken Lehr for his ability to make the trip as accommodating and "successful" as possible.

March 20th -- Phantom of the Opera has sold out.

May 18th -- Yankee Stadium trip for one bus load is being planned.

September 13 -- Potential trip to Statue of Liberty. Being rescheduled as the National Park Service still has it closed from Hurricane Sandy.

The March 20th bus trip is same day as the regularly scheduled Park and Recreation Board Meeting. The meeting was rescheduled for March 27th.

Ken Lehr reported on the following Summer Concert Series dates:

June 23 -- Ernie and Neil

June 30 -- Chester County 49ers.

July 14 – (open)

July 28 – The Greaseband

August 11—(open)

August 25 – (open)

Ken Lehr is looking at Blackthorn, Runaway Train, and the Upper Darby Sousa Band to fill in the three vacancies.

Ken Lehr said Easter eggs were ready for distribution to Park Board Members for stuffing for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade. Please drop off at Township Building before the event on March 23rd. Arrive at 9 AM. for setup The event starts at 10:30. Goshen Fire Company has been emailed for usage of their fire truck. Ken Lehr is looking for judges for the Decorated Hat Parade.

Park and Recreation Board Alternative Position.

Ken Lehr and Ed Smith reported that Sara Franco was interviewed by three township personnel for the open Park and Recreation Board Alternate position, and the suggestion was that she be recommended to the Supervisors as a good candidate for the open position. Motion to recommend was made by Ed Smith and seconded by Nancy Pine, and was unanimously approved.

Dorine Hannum reported that some maintenance will be needed in the near future of the skatepark and dogpark. Signage needs attention as does some of the skate park facilities and grounds.

New Business: There was no new business to report.

On a motion by Cifone and a second by Dorine Hannum, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.