

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

**Attending:** Ed Smith, Mike Pillagalli, Nancy Pine, Robert Cifone, Jerry Napiecek, Mike McKinley, Joseph Waters, and Sara Franco

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

**Public Representatives:** Jeanette Fox, Seth Fox, Joseph Stacey, AJ Stacey, Beth Steines, and Eliot Steines

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Jerry Napiecek and seconded by Robert Cifone.

The Treasury Report was reviewed with a correction to the date. Should read March 28, 2013.

**Parks:** Dorine Hannum reported that the Parks Crew has been busy preparing the fields for spring. Community Park was focused upon for the Egg Hunt and The Decorated Hat Parade. The weather has made it too wet to work on the ballfields yet. The water has been turned on at all parks with water facilities. Toilets and urinals have been replaced due to age and use at some facilities. A permit has been secured for the removal of goose eggs from the pond at Box Elder Park. A new roof is going on at Coopersmith Park.

**Summer Recreation and Summer Teen Programs:** Tom Steines reported that March 28<sup>th</sup> was deadline for counselor applications, with a 50% return rate as of the day before closure. Thirteen are returning and twelve vacancies need to be filled. The applications for 2013 Summer Session will be accepted until April 28<sup>th</sup> for junior counselors, who turn 16 by the first day of camp. Registration is set for May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>. The program will run from June 24<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>. The 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 game room to be used as a clubhouse.

**Friends of West Goshen Parks:** At their next board meeting, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, election of officers will take place. Meeting time is 7 PM with pizza to be served. The slate includes:

President: John Herley

Vice-President: John Smith

Secretary: Mary Bleecker

Treasurer: Marilyn Reich

The Friends of West Goshen Parks are organizing a fund raiser for a rock climbing wall to be constructed at Coopersmith Park. They have pledged \$8000.00 towards this project.

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

March 20<sup>th</sup>--Phantom of the Opera sold out and was a successful trip.

April 6<sup>th</sup>—Washington, DC Cherry Blossom trip has seven spots still open.

May 18<sup>th</sup>--Yankee Stadium trip. One bus is planned.

Reporting on the Summer Concert Series, Ken Lehr listed the concert dates:

June 23--Ernie and Neil

June 30--Chester County 49ers.

July 14--West Chester Band

July 28--The Greaseband

August 11--Runaway Train

August 25--Loni Gamble and Sound Cheque

Ken Lehr reported that over 5000 eggs were gathered by children at the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade. No Fire Vehicle arrived and the Township may try to use Fame Fire Company next year.

Mrs. Sara Franco was welcomed as the new alternate for the Park and Recreation Board.

There was no news to report regarding the dogpark and skatepark.

**New Business:** A question was raised about the safety of the proposed rock wall for Coopersmith Park. It was answered that the rock wall height was seven feet high and it would have a safety surface installed at the base of the wall.

A further question was asked as to how any bus trip vacancies were made known to Township residents and the answer was that the trips and vacancies are available online at the Township website.

On a motion by Robert Cifone and a second by Nancy Pine, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.