

West Goshen Township  
Park and Recreation Board Meeting  
June 19, 2013

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

**Township Representatives:** Ken Lehr, Tom Steines, and Dorrine Hannum

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Nancy Pine.

The Treasury Report was reviewed with no questions.

**Parks Department:** Dorine Hannum reported that the Parks Crew has been busy dodging the rain in order to keep up with the grass mowing and tree and bush trimming. New benches have been constructed at Coopersmith Park. All three pavilions have been power washed as well as the skatepark area and the concession stand at Community Park. Flowers donated by a West Goshen business have been planted throughout the township buildings and the parks. All ballfields have been groomed. A tent was erected at Community Park for use by the Summer Teen Program. Three new summer employees have been taken on for park maintenance jobs. There was no vandalism to report.

**Summer Recreation and Summer Teen Programs:** Tom Steines reported that the program will run from June 24<sup>th</sup> until August 16<sup>th</sup>. Barker Park is filled and there are available slots open for Coopersmith and Community Parks. A counselor orientation was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> with Good Fellowship providing CPR and First Aid classes. The West Chester Area School District has provided us with keys so that the Summer Teen Program is able to utilize the team rooms at Lambert Park as it provides shelter and a game room to be used as a clubhouse. At this time the plan is to keep the Summer Teen Program at Community and make use of the facility on a sporadic basis. Weekly visits to the facilities will be arranged and teens will have a Lambert Park drop off on the days the facilities are to be used.

**Friends of West Goshen Parks:** A public meeting will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The Friends will be out in force to assist with the Decorated Bike Parade which is held on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

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

June 29<sup>th</sup>--New York City on your Own/ 2 busses

July 21<sup>st</sup>--Citi Field/ 2 busses

August 9<sup>th</sup>--Yankee Stadium/ 1 bus

September 21<sup>st</sup>--Trip planned to The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, as they are to be reopened on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

October 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>--Trip is being planned with West Chester Recreation and the Downingtown Area Recreation Council to the Finger Lake Region.

November 24<sup>th</sup> Radio City Music Hall (Sunday)

December will feature the usual Radio City Music Hall and On Your Own New York City trips.

Ken Lehr reported on the following Summer 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

A sign-up sheet was passed around for board members to sign up for help with the concerts.

Ken Lehr reported that the Complete Works of William Shakespeare will be presented on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Community Park.

The annual Decorated Bicycle Parade will be held at Community Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Volunteers will be needed to be judges and course marshals.

The Harvest Festival has been scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> with a raindate of October 27<sup>th</sup>. A moonbounce and giant slide would be ordered as an additional means of child entertainment. Times are from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

A tour of the parks owned by West Goshen Township was held and there were three aspects that most left the ride with:

1. The vast amount of acreage owned and the amount of maintenance it takes to keep the parks in good shape.
2. The need for the Weeping Beech Tree to be maintained and cared for so that it may continue to live.
3. What can be done with the small pockets of park property that abut private residences and serve taxpayers no usefulness?

Ken Lehr reported that Summer Skate Camps with Fairman's will be held in June, July, and August. There was nothing else to report in regard to the skatepark or dogpark.

### **New Business.**

Ken Lehr reported Fred Beans of West Chester has again provided us with underwriting the cost of the movie rentals. Ballots will be available for making a selection of movies at the summer concert series and at the Township building and online using a smartphone or a tablet. Votes will be taken until September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Movies will be shown at Community Park or the Township Building if rain is happening or impending.

Movie date are:

September 28<sup>th</sup>  
October 5<sup>th</sup>  
October 12<sup>th</sup>  
October 19<sup>th</sup>

The choices are:

Brave  
Hotel Transylvania  
Monster's University  
Oz the Great and Powerful  
Rise of the Guardians  
Wreck-It-Ralph

Sara Franco led a brief discussion about the possibility that a Boy Scout Eagle project may be arranged to facilitate the township in working with the improvement of the current state of the Weeping Beech Tree.

On a motion by Robert Cifone and a second by Jerry Napiecek, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.