

West Goshen Township
Park and Recreation Board
September 18, 2013

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

Township Representatives: Ken Lehr, Tom Steines, Dorine Hannum

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the August 21st meeting were approved on a motion by Mary Lou Enoches and a second by Napiecek.

The Treasury Report was reviewed with no questions.

Parks Department: Dorine Hannum reported that the Parks Crew has been abating activity with the grass mowing and tree and bush trimming. Time is being spent on equipment maintenance. Cloud Park has had fence capping work done as a safety factor. Community Park has had tree trimming and vine removal work and Box Elder Park has had two willow trees down and removed. The Weeping Beech is receiving arborist care in the form of dead material removal with overgrown vine removal to come. A new roof will be applied at Coopersmith Park on September 23rd. No vandalism was reported this month.

Summer Recreation and Summer Teen Program: A thorough report was submitted by Tom Steines recapping the Summer Recreation Program. It appears that it was an all-around success. Discussion ensued on the budget for 2014 and the possibility of an all-day summer camp program taking place at one of the three parks. Discussion centered on costs, park maintenance, staffing, and clinics. A motion was made by Jerry Napiecek and seconded by Mary Lou Enoches to inform the supervisors that the Parks and Recreation Board is interested in pursuing the thoughts of an all-day summer recreation program. Ken Lehr will reach out to other communities with a similar program to seek info on their system of operation.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: A meeting was held on September 12th at 7 PM. It was determined that sponsorship did cover the costs of the Summer Concert Series and the Friends of West Goshen Parks would reach into their treasury to make up the difference. A fundraiser was created in the form of Holiday Cards depicting shots of the parks in winter. The card sale will kick off at Harvest Day.

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

September 21st: Trip planned to The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

October 19-20: A bus trip with neighboring townships to the Finger Lake Region.

November 24th: Radio City Music Hall trip to New York City (Sunday).

December 7th: New York City on your own.

December 9th: Radio City Music Hall trip to New York City (Monday).

April 23rd: Disney presents Aladdin on Broadway bus trip with dinner.

A Summer Concert Series wrap-up meeting will be held on October 16th at 6:30 before the regular Park Board Meeting.

The Harvest Festival has been set for October 20th with a rain date of October 27th. A moonbounce, face painting, and slide have been ordered as an additional means of child entertainment. Times are from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

Fred Beans Ford Lincoln of West Chester has again provided us with underwriting the cost of the movie licensing. Five movies will be shown instead of four. Movies will be shown at Community Park or the Township Building if rain is happening or impending.

Movie date are:

September 28th: ðWreck It Ralphö

October 5th: ðOz the Great and Powerfulö

October 12th: ðRise of the Guardiansö

October 19th: ðBraveö

October 28th: ðHotel Transylvaniaö

Ken Lehr reported that the final Summer Skate Camp with Fairmanø was in August at Lambert Park. A question arose from Nancy Pine on the rumor that the dogpark was slated for closure. No one on the Park and Recreation Board was aware of the situation. The Chairman will contact Township Manager to inquire as to the future of the dogpark and as an advisory board, why we were not apprised of the potential closure if that is a true statement.

Ken Lehr reported that Timothyø is set to host the Holiday Breakfast on Saturday, December 21st.

New Business: No new business was discussed

Adjournment: On a motion by Mary Lou Enoches and a second by Michael McKinley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.