

West Goshen Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
February 19, 2014

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chair Edward Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Cifone and a second by Jerry Napiecek.

The Treasury Report was reviewed without any major questions

**Parks Department:** Ken Lehr, reporting for Dorine Hannum, indicated that the Parks Crew is busy with winter maintenance on all of the heavy machinery and the light landscaping equipment. Sanding and painting of the grills and trash receptacles is taking place. Winter tree branch refuse and fallen limbs are being picked up. Snow removal is the major project right now.

**Summer Recreation and Teen Program:** Tom Steines reported that he is busy contacting prior counselors to see if they are interested in returning for 2014 Summer Recreation Program. The end of February is due date for returning counselors to notify the township if they plan to return for employment. Recruitment is starting for replacement positions. Field Trips are being set up and investigated. Lambert Park will be the headquarters for the Teen Program. Deadlines for Counselors applications is March 28<sup>th</sup> and for Junior Counselors it is April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Friends of West Goshen Parks:** John Smith has resigned as Vice-President of the Friends of West Goshen Parks Board due to his inability to dedicate adequate time. New members are being recruited for the position.

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

December 7<sup>th</sup> New York City and December 9<sup>th</sup> Radio City Music Hall bus trips were basically a success with the survey indicating that a longer day was asked for by the participants. The cost will rise from \$35.00 to \$45.00 in 2014 due to bus expenses.

March 29 - Cherry Blossom Festival bus trip to Washington, DC

April 14, 2014 - Disney presents Aladdin on Broadway bus trip with dinner

Ken Lehr had no further report about the Summer Concert Series.

There were no updates about the dogpark and skatepark. Ken Lehr and Casey LaLonde noted that no matter how much snow falls, the dogpark is still heavily used.

**New Business:** Ken Lehr noted that the date of the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is April 12 with a rain date of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Eggs were passed for board members to fill and return at the March meeting.

A discussion took place about better visibility of park entrances and egresses with regard to oncoming traffic. More signage was suggested for which the township manager said he would look into the situation.

Joe Waters asked if it is possible, within constraints of the current budget, to look into better amplification of park events outside of the amphitheater, particular in regards to the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade. He pointed to trouble conveying communication over the acreage for widespread events. Casey LaLonde said he was looking into equipment that may work best for our needs.

Ken Lehr thanked Park and Recreation Board members on behalf of his family for making a donation to the scholarship fund for Our Lady of Good Counsel School in memory of his father, William J. Lehr.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Cifone and a second by Waters, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.