

West Goshen Township
Parks and Recreation Board
April 15, 2015

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

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the March 18th meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Cifone and a second by Jerry Napiecek.

The Treasury Report of March 31st was reviewed without discussion or questions.

Parks Department: Ken Lehr reported that the playground equipment at Barker Park is being replaced. Security cameras have been installed at Coopersmith Park and no vandalism or damage has been recorded since their installation. General preparation of parks is taking place.

Summer Recreation and Teen Programs: Tom Steines reported that applications are still being accepted for both counselors and junior counselors until April 23rd. Counselors need to be eighteen years or older and a high school senior or a graduate by the start of camp. Junior counselors need to be sixteen or seventeen years old. All three Summer Teen Program counselors are returning. Organization and preparation for field trips is taking place now. First registration is to be held on May 9th from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Park and Recreation Board volunteers should be there at 7:45 AM. The second registration will be the same hours on May 16th. After that, registration will be held at the Township Administration Building during regular business hours.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: Ken Lehr reported that elections will be held at Community Park on May 7th at 7:00 PM. The existing slate of officers is running unopposed at this point with a spot open for a secretary. Membership renewal letters should be out in the next week or so.

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

April 12, 2015 - Cherry Blossom Festival was well received. Traffic caused return to take 4 hours.

May 2, 2015 - New York City

June 13-14, 2015 - Pittsburgh

June 24 - Yankee Stadium

Ken Lehr reported on the following performances for the Summer Concert Series:

June 14, 2015 - Cat's Pajamas

June 28, 2015 - The Greaseband

July 12 – Zydeco a-Go-Go

July 26 - Love's Magic

August 9 - Hometown Boyz

August 23 - John Flynn

Ken Lehr, reporting on the March 28th Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade at Community Park, said that it was a cool and windy day and that the crowd was down a little from prior years, maybe from the weather.

Ken Lehr followed up on the request to privately add a piece or two of equipment to the skatepark. The modification request was discussed with the current equipment sales representatives. Adding “outside” pieces to and in the skatepark would void some of the regulated standards established by installation company. The cost will be considered by the township to have the established company install said suggested accessories to existing parts of the park equipment.

There was no further report on the Hallowell Field marker.

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation of Natural Resources held its annual meeting and conference on March 22, 2015 in Lancaster, PA. Robert Cifone attended workshops on changes in parks, advocacy for parks, and quality improvement, and had opportunity to network with the crowds and vendors.

New Business: The Park and Recreation Board held a brief discussion was held on the status of the Jerrichian Property and the dam permits and retaining wall designs.

On a motion by Sara Franco and a second by Robert Cifone, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.