

West Goshen Township
Park and Recreation Board Meeting
August 19, 2015

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

Township Representatives: Ken Lehr, Tom Steines, Dorine McClune, and Casey Lalonde

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by Chair Edward Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the July 15th meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Nancy Pine.

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

Parks Department: Dorine McClune reported that, due to the dry spell, the grass cutting has abated which has made time for other jobs to be accomplished. All trash cans in all parks have been pulled, cleaned, and returned to service. Buildings have been pressure washed and time has been spent on encroaching wood lines of vines and vegetation. The awning has been installed at the amphitheatre at Community Park

Summer Recreation and Teen Program: Tom Steines reported that the eight-week season is over and that he is pleased to announce that it was virtually incident-free with only a few injuries recorded and a few bee stings taken care of. There was a spike in application for Coopersmith Park as it seems it has the ideal “camp” format: no public usages as at Community Park, shaded, stream for study, and great equipment. Special thanks were extended to head counselors Jake Gallagher, Allison Sadlier, and Kristina Rowshan.

The Summer Teen Program ended with a field trip to Hershey Park and all was well with that program. A successful second season at Lambert Park was enjoyed by the teens.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: Jerry Napiecek reported that The Friends of West Goshen Parks held a 50/50 Raffle during the Motown Concert and gathered around \$300.00. Their next meeting will be on September 3rd.

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

August 8 - Lower Manhattan. Filled. More time could be allotted to The World Trade Center Museum on the next trip.

September 5 - 7 - Boston. Cancelled due to low registration.

September 27- Eagles and Jets at Meadowlands. Half of one bus has filled at this point.

Ken Lehr gave the following updates for the Concert Series:

July 26 - Love's Magic. Around 800 people in attendance.

August 9 - Hometown Boyz. About 200 in attendance.

August 23 - Folk Music with John Flynn.

Ken Lehr said that The Commonwealth Classic Theatre presented The Tempest on July 18th in the amphitheatre at Community Park. An audience of 225 to 250 were in attendance

Ken Lehr reminded the Park and Recreation Board that plans are underway for the Harvest Festival to be held on the afternoon of October 25th.

Ken Lehr indicated that dates for the Fall Movie Series would be September 19th and 26th and October 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Jerry Napiecek asked if there would be four or five movies. Ken Lehr indicated that there would likely be four movies.

The last skatecamp of the summer was underway with a full capacity of 30 participants.

New Business: Casey LaLonde reported that Money Magazine again ranks West Goshen as one of the top 25 "Best Places to Live," being listed #24 out of 1600 cities this year. West Goshen is one of three municipalities to make the top 25 five times in a row. West Goshen continues to be ranked the #1 place to live in Pennsylvania.

Ray Halvorsen will represent West Goshen on a joint effort to celebrate the division of Goshen Township into East and West Goshen for 2017.

On a motion by Joseph Waters and a second by Robert Cifone, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.