

West Goshen Township
Parks and Recreation Board
October 21, 2015

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

Township Representatives: Ken Lehr, Tom Steines, Dorine McClune, Casey LaLonde, and Derek Davis

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the September 16, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Sara Franco.

The Treasury Report of September 30, 2015 was reviewed without discussion or questions.

Parks Department: Dorine McClune reported that the grounds crew has been finishing up with the mowing of the fields and park areas. Leaves are beginning to be collected and edging, mulching, plantings of mums, and general preparations for Harvest Day are ensuing. There was a report of “minor” graffiti at Cloud Park on the dugouts and shed area that will be checked out by staff.

Summer Recreation and Teen Program: A full summer program for both teens and youth was reported on by Tom Steines in September, so no further report was presented.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: Ken Lehr reported that the next Friends of West Goshen Parks meeting is scheduled for November 4th. The Friends have received a generous donation from the Wawa Corporation upon the grand opening of their newest facility in West Goshen. Friends will also be volunteering for the Harvest Day Celebration on October 25th.

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

September 27: Eagles and Jets at Meadowlands filled one bus and the Eagles won the game.

October 24-25: Trip to the Finger Lakes in conjunction with West Chester Parks and Recreation.

November 22: Radio City Music Hall.

December 5: New York City on your own.

December 7: Radio City Music Hall.

No Bus Trip plans have been planned yet for 2016.

A Summer 2015 wrap up and planning for 2016 Concert Series meeting will be held before the next board meeting at 6:30 on November 18, 2015.

Plans are underway for the Harvest Festival on the afternoon of October 25th. Volunteers should be at Community Park at noon to facilitate the distribution of pumpkins, decorate the pavilion, and set up the refreshment area. The auction for purchase of Harvest Day pumpkins and accessories was successful with the procurement of approximately 800 pumpkins at prices slightly higher than in prior years.

Big Hero 6 and The Sound of Music were held inside due to unfavorable weather conditions. Toy Story, with about 100 in attendance, was held outside as planned.

The Holiday Decorations Workshop is scheduled for December 15th and 16th with the 15th half full already and open spaces remaining for the 16th.

The Holiday Breakfast is scheduled at Timothy's for December 19th. A possible sight prep visitation will be held at Timothy's in December with date to be announced at the November meeting.

The idea of a joint Yard Sale with East Goshen was discussed with the staff of East Goshen. They will take it to their Park and Recreation Board and report back to us. Some plusses and minuses were realized.

The last skatecamp of the summer has taken place and the skatepark remains open for skaters.

New Business: Mark Bergkvist was present to bring a proposal for a two week summer workshop for photography to Community Park. There would be an AM and a PM workshop of about three hours each. A thirty minute teaching period would be followed by a photographic session throughout the park areas. The use of the pavilion and the park in general was discussed from Summer Recreation Program usage of the facilities and the grounds crew needs for maintenance. The proposal was tabled for November agenda.

Chairman Ed Smith said he would entertain nominations for the positions of Park and Recreation Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The duration of the terms is for a year but usually goes for a two year span and that time is up in December 2015. Nominations will be taken at the November Board Meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sara Franco and seconded by Nancy Pine at 7:38 PM.