

West Goshen Township
Park and Recreation
November 18, 2015

Attending: Ed Smith, Mike Pillagalli, Jerry Napiecek, Sara Franco, Robert Cifone, Mike McKinley, and Mary Lou Enoches

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

Guest: Mark Bergkvist

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence for the victims of the France was observed.

Minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Cifone and seconded by Sara Franco.

The Treasury Report of October 31, 2015 was reviewed without discussion or questions.

Parks Department: Dorine McClune reported that fall maintenance has begun with leaves, leaves, and more leaves. The crew has been working on the landscaping dump at Community Park, ridding it of collected debris. Ten loads have been removed so far. Tree trimming and shrubbery maintenance are ongoing.

Summer Recreation and Teen Programs: A full summer program for both teens and youth was reported on in September, so no further report was presented. In January, letters will be sent to counselors from 2015 season for application for summer of 2016.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: Ken Lehr thanked the Friends of the West Goshen Parks for their help with setting up, food, and promotion of events table at Harvest Day. Next scheduled board meeting will take place on December 3, 2015. The Friends are working on a letter campaign for membership and also working on thanking Summer Concert Series sponsors.

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

November 22: Radio City Music Hall ---filled

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 was held before the November board meeting at 6:30. Dates established for 2016 Series were: June 12th and 26th, July 10th and 24th, and August 7th and 21st. Concert genres were also discussed with tradition starting with a children's concert.

Harvest Day was successful, with a slightly decreased audience. Thanks again to the Friends of West Goshen Parks for their help and support during the event.

Holiday Decorations Workshops will be held on December 15th and 16th with a second program added to each night. Almost all four sessions are filled.

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 via an email. Registration is at 119 already.

The idea of a joint Yard Sale with East Goshen was discussed with the staff of East Goshen. They are willing and interested in the idea of a joint project. After some West Goshen Park and Recreation discussion, it was thought that maybe, due to a citizen comment, that two at the same time could be conflict for the shoppers. Parking was discussed for the West Goshen Township Building Facilities

Mark Bergkvist was present to bring a proposal for a two week summer workshop for photography to the Community Park since it was tabled in October. He proposed a morning and an afternoon 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 program usage of the facilities and the grounds crew needs for maintenance. The proposal was approved by the Park and Recreation Board.

There was no further report on the dogpark and the skatepark.

Dorine McClune reported that some turfing was done at Coopersmith Park at night which made it difficult to identify said people or vehicles from the tape. Police were involved in the vandalism but no charges were filed.

New Business: Nominations were discussed for the upcoming officer to include: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The duration of the terms is rotational and for a year but usually goes for a two year span and that time is up in December 2015. Nominations were presented for:

Chair: Michael Pillagalli

Vice Chair: Edward Smith

Secretary: TBD (possible rotation of board member monthly)

A motion to adjourn was made by Sara Franco and seconded by Robert Cifone at 7:41 PM.