

West Goshen Township  
Park and Recreation Board Meeting  
February 17, 2016

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Michael Pillagalli.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Bob Cifone and seconded by Sara Franco.

The Treasury Report dated January 31, 2016 was reviewed without discussion or questions.

**Parks Department:** Dorine McClune reported the crew has been busy with regular winter maintenance on the Township equipment. Dorine McClune said new dog boxes for “clean up after your dog” bags have been completed. At Coopersmith Park, crews are in the process of refinishing the picnic tables at the park. Additionally, the crew has completed sanding and painting the field boxes at the Township ballfields. Ms. McClune reported the crew has also been helping out the road crew with snow removal efforts. She informed that there was one incident of vandalism at Community Park that resulted in the plexiglass in one of the information boxes being broken.

**Summer Recreation and Teen Programs:** Tom Steines reporting on the Summer Recreation Program indicated that he is waiting until the end of February to hear back from 2015 counselors to determine who will be returning. Ken Lehr informed that the Township would have information for both Summer Recreation counselor and junior counselor positions posted in the winter newsletter. Registration for the Summer Recreation Program is scheduled for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The 2016 Summer Recreation program is scheduled to begin on June 20<sup>th</sup> and run through August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Friends of West Goshen Parks:** Jerry Napiecek, reporting on the Friends of West Goshen Parks, informed that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM. Jerry Napiecek said that Andrew Mosier, Susan Batten, and Maria Janoski have been added to the Friends of West Goshen Parks’ Board of Directors.

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

November 22 – Radio City Music Hall was filled to capacity

December 5 - New York City on your own went very well

December 7 - Radio City Music Hall went very well

March 20 – Cherry Blossom Festival

April 10 – Bus Trip to see “Book of Mormon”

May 8 – New York City on your own

Bob Cifone informed that the May 8<sup>th</sup> trip to New York falls on Mother's Day. Ken Lehr indicated that this was the only date available for the New York Trip at this time. Sara Franco suggested the Township should give a flower to all of the mom's that attend the May 8<sup>th</sup> trip to New York City.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade, informed that this year's event is scheduled for 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Ken Lehr indicated that he has confirmed the Goshen Fire Company will provide a fire engine to transport the Easter Bunny to this year's event. Ken Lehr asked that all volunteers arrive at the Community Park by 9:00 AM to help with preparations

Ken Lehr had no Summer Concert Series updates.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the West Goshen Township Yard Sale, informed that the inaugural event is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Ken Lehr indicated that he planned to have sign-up forms for the event available on the Township website sometime next week. Ken Lehr stated that the Township would provide around twenty spaces at the Municipal Complex for residents living in apartments or condominiums. The availability of these twenty spaces will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Participating residents will also be able to register their own sites to the official Yard Sale map.

Ken Lehr had no dogpark or skatepark updates.

**New Business:** Ken Lehr, reporting on the 2015 picnic pavilion usage, informed that he included a report in the Park and Recreation Board member packets. Ken Lehr indicated that there were slightly fewer picnics in 2015, stating the totals were still within the normal range when compared to the last ten years.

Jerry Napiecek asked for an update on Mark Bergkvist's proposal to offer a two week summer workshop for photography at one of the Township Parks. Ken Lehr informed the photography workshop will be held at Coopersmith Park and indicated registration forms for the workshop are currently being developed.

Casey LaLonde provided an update on the several planned development proposals that included several new construction efforts at the Chester County Hospital, a new transitional housing complex near the airport across from Arbours (Arbours Square) and a 114 unit independent living complex (Traditions) to be located on Boot Road between State Route 202 and Greenhill Road. Casey LaLonde informed it would be another 4-5 months for the plan approval for the Jerrehian property to be completed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cifone and seconded by Sara Franco to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T Smith