

West Goshen Township
Parks and Recreation Board
March 19, 2014

Attending: Ed Smith, Mike Pillagalli, Joseph Waters, Jerry Napiecek, and Sara Franco

Township Representatives: Ken Lehr, Tom Steines, Dorine Hannum, Michael Gunther, and Casey LaLonde

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chair Edward Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the February 19th meeting were approved on a motion by Jerry Napiecek and a second by Joseph Waters.

The Treasurer's Report of February 28th was reviewed without any major questions

Parks Department: Dorine Hannum reported that the crew is busy with winter maintenance on all of the heavy machinery and the light landscaping equipment. Winter tree branch refuse and fallen limbs are being picked up. Hopefully, the end of snow plowing and salting is at hand with the first day of spring approaching. Preparation of Community Park for the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is starting. Ms. Hannum introduced Michael Gunther who may sit in for her at some point for meetings or events.

Summer Recreation and Summer Teen Programs: Tom Steines indicated that he and Ken are busy interviewing prior counselors and new applicants for 2014 Summer Recreation Program. Half of last year's staff seems to be returning. Applications for open positions will be accepted through March 28th. The Teen Program has 2 of their 3 counselors returning for the 2014 Camp Season. Junior Counselor applications will be accepted through April 25th for later interviews. Field trips are being set up. Registrations will be held on May 10th and May 17th at the Township Administration Building. Camp will run through June 23rd until August 15th. Questionnaires will be distributed at the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Conference to determine feasibility of an all-day camp program.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: A Board of Directors Meeting was held on March 6th. A registration form in the Township Newsletter has garnered seven new membership to the Friends of West Goshen Parks. At the meeting, possible local businesses were discussed to sponsor the Summer Concert Series. Volunteers were solicited at the meeting to help with the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade. The Annual Membership meeting will take place on May 1st at 7 PM at Coopersmith Park. As always, the Friends of West Goshen Parks are always looking for new people to help serve and volunteer for the parks and on their board.

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

March 29, 2014 - Cherry Blossom Festival bus trip to D.C. / 2 buses are going.

April 23, 2014 - Disney presents Aladdin on Broadway bus trip with dinner / 2 buses going

May 11, 2014 - Citi Field / 1 bus going

June 21, 2014 - Open trip to New York City with drop off at Times Square / 2 buses going

July 12, 2014 - Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island / 1 bus going

August 8, 2014 - Yankee Stadium / 1 bus going

September 13, 2014 - Metropolitan Museum of Art and Tour of Central Park / 1 bus going

Ken Lehr reminded Park and Recreation Board members that the date of the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade is April 12th with a rain date of April 19th. Time of the event is 10:30 AM with volunteers reporting at 9 AM for egg distribution. Verification has been received for a fire truck for transport of the Easter Bunny. Conversation was held on the PA system and a possible update for amplification throughout the park area at events. Casey LaLonde indicated he would look into a cordless microphone system for longer range of sound.

Ken Lehr reported on the following summer concerts:

June 22, 2014 – Children’s Concert- Makin Music

June 29, 2014 – Grease Band

July 13, 2014 – Motown Theme –Loves Heart

July 27, 2014 – Latin Band – Café Con Pan

Ken Lehr indicated he was looking into booking Blackthorn and the United States Navy Band.

An email was received requesting usage of the skatepark on designated days for bicycles. This request is not feasible for various reasons including policing of days and usage, crowd control, and over all wear and tear of equipment.

New Business: Ken Lehr requested Park and Recreation Board members to drop off eggs for the Egg Hunt prior to the day of the event if possible.

At the April 9, 2014 Supervisor’s Meeting a short presentation of the Battle of the Clouds will be presented by Sean Moir from the county, followed in midsummer by the Historical Commission’s full report to the community.

Preparation is starting for the Bicentennial of West Goshen and East Goshen Townships. Both townships are establishing committees to begin preparation work on this event which will culminate in 2017.

On a motion by Sara Franco and a second by Jerry Napiecek, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.