

West Goshen Township
Park and Recreation Board
May 24, 2023

Attending: Eunice Alexander, Mary Lou Enoches, Tim McNally, Jerry Napiecek, Mike Pillagalli, Nancy Pine, and Ed Smith

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

Public Representatives: Douglas White

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by chair Jerry Napiecek.

This meeting was advertised in The Daily Local News on May 10, 2023.

This meeting agenda was posted on the West Goshen Township website and at the Township Building on Friday, May 19, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the April 19, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Pine and seconded by Mike Pillagalli.

The Treasury Report for April 30, 2023 was reviewed without discussion or questions.

Parks Department: Dorine McClune reported the Parks Crew is busy cutting grass and trimming bushes and tree lines at the various Township Parks, and stated that rain is much needed at this time. Dorine McClune informed that she had ordered flowers for the Veterans Memorial at Community Park for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. Dorine McClune indicated that the Township is planning to repaint the dugouts at the Cloud Park baseball field in preparation for the July 3rd field dedication ceremony for the Raymond H. Halvorsen Little League field. Dorine McClune asked if Ed Smith could contact East Side Little League to find out what color(s) they would prefer. Finally, Dorine McClune reported a new instance of vandalism at the Community Park restrooms that required a clean-up effort by the Parks Crew.

Summer Recreation Program: Tom Steines reporting on the Summer Recreation Program informed that the first “paperless” registration for the Summer Recreation Program was a huge success. Tom Steines stated the registration process went quickly with the new registration software performing with far fewer problems than anticipated. Tom Steines and Ken Lehr were onsite to offer computer access and support on April 22nd, and indicated that only one person showed up needing assistance. Ken Lehr offered thanks to

Tom Steines for overseeing the very successful transition to the new online registration system. Jerry Napiecek offered thanks to Ken Lehr and Tom Steines for their work on the new online registration system. Ken Lehr indicated the Historical Commission is also utilizing the new online registration system for their May 30th Oaklands Cemetery Tour. Tom Steines noted Coopersmith Park was filled with a wait list within fourteen minutes of the start of registration. At this time, Community Park is also filled with a wait list and there are only ten spaces left at Barker Park. Tom Steines reported the Township is still advertising for additional Counselor/Junior Counselor positions noting a lot of positions have already been filled by staff returning from last year's program. Ken Lehr indicated the Township is willing to interview anyone interested at this time and keep their information on file for future needs. Counselor orientation is scheduled for June 3rd with First Aid and CPR training provided by Good Fellowship Ambulance Company in the afternoon. The 2023 Summer Recreation Program is scheduled to begin on June 20th and run through August 11th.

Teen Program: Tom Steines, reporting on the Summer Teen Program, informed that online registration for this year's program was the same timeframe as the Summer Recreation Program. At this time 22 campers have registered for this year's program. Tom Steines indicated the Summer Teen Program is capped at around 50 campers, noting that some teens come for just the field trips. Tom Steines informed at this time the Township has lined up three counselors to support this year's program. The 2023 Teen Program is scheduled to begin on June 20th and run through August 11th.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: Ken Lehr, reporting for the Friends of West Goshen Parks, informed that a quorum was not present at their May 4th meeting. Ken Lehr indicated he reviewed the new Friends' brochure with Susan Batten and that the new document would be ready in time for the June 11th Summer Concert Series Children's concert. Finally, Ken Lehr indicated the Summer Concert Series sponsor letters have gone out and that the Township has already received responses back on some of the letters.

Old Business: Ken Lehr, reporting on 2023 spring Bus Trips, informed that the May 17th trip to see "Hamilton" was a success indicating the event was filled with 54 people attending. Ken Lehr indicated a return trip is being planned for next year. Ken Lehr informed there are no July Bus Trip planned and stated the next trip is the August 19th trip to the Cloisters and Metropolitan Museum of Art. Ken Lehr reported the Township is also planning a trip to Cape Cod from September 7th to September 11th. In October, the Township is planning trips to three sporting events including the October 1st trip to Citi Field to see the Phillies take on the Mets, the October 15th trip to MetLife Stadium to see the Eagles take on the Jets and the October 29th trip to FedEx Field to see the Eagles take on the Commanders. In November and December, the Township will feature bus trips to

“New York on your own” (December 2nd) as well as trips to Radio City Music Hall (November 19th and December 4th).

Ken Lehr, reporting on the new gazebo at Community Park, informed that the rededication ceremony for the ‘J. Arnold Bair Gazebo’ is planned for Sunday, June 25th at 6:00 PM immediately preceding the Greaseband Concert. Ken Lehr indicated he has been in contact with Les Bair reporting she will be attending the rededication ceremonies.

Ken Lehr reporting on the dedication of the Raymond H Halvorsen Little League field confirmed the dedication ceremonies are being planned for Monday, July 3rd at noon.

Ken Lehr reporting on the dedication of the Municipal Courtyard in memory of Dr. Robert White informed the time and date for the formal dedication ceremony still needs to be finalized. Douglas White indicated the family is looking at the August timeframe for the formal dedication ceremonies.

Eunice Alexander reporting on the April 29th Arbor Day planting at Hamlet Crest Park informed a report on these activities was given to the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) last night. Eunice Alexander indicated representatives from the State, County, and Township were on hand for this Arbor Day planting effort. Additionally, there were volunteers from the Township as well as a local Boy Scout Troop to help out. Dorine McClune indicated she did not think anyone has watered the new plantings at this time. Eunice Alexander stated that (SAC) member Barbara Rinehart visited the site last week and indicated the soil in the planting area was still moist. Dorine McClune confirmed there is plenty of water at the site with enough hose available to reach the plantings from the water source, one of the Township’s 270-gallon brine tanks filled with water. Approximately 120 trees/shrubs that include 40 overstory trees, 40 understory trees and 40 shrubs were planted during this first stage of the “reforestation” efforts at Hamlet Crest Park. Ken Lehr stated the planting area is impressive.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the 2023 Summer Concert Series, indicated this year’s program starts off on June 11th with the children’s concert featuring Steve Pullara and Cool Beans Music. Information on the Summer Concert Series is listed below:

Date	Theme	Featured Performer	Location	Attendance
June 11 th	Children’s Concert	Steve Pullara and Cool Beans Music	TBD	TBD
June 25 th	Party Band	Greaseband	TBD	TBD
July 9 th	Latin America	De Tierra Caliente	TBD	TBD
July 23 rd	Big Band	West Chester Concert Band	TBD	TBD
August 6 th	Motown	Blue Philly Magic	TBD	TBD
August 20 th	Party Tunes	Whiskey Logic	TBD	TBD

Ken Lehr, reporting on the proposed Park Tour with the Board of Supervisors and the Friends of West Goshen Parks, indicated the tour is planned for Thursday June 8th. Those attending the Park Tour are asked to meet at the Township Building at 5:00 PM with the tour beginning at 5:15. Please notify Ken Lehr via email if you are planning to attend.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Registration Software, indicated discussion on this topic occurred in the Summer Recreation Program discussion.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Parks Improvement Planning and Splashpad, informed that the Township was awarded \$250,000 in Grant Funding from Chester County and indicated we are still waiting to hear from the State. Jerry Napiecek asked if there are any additional steps the Township is required to do in order to secure grant funding for the project. Ken Lehr noted the Parks Improvement Planning portion of the project will include improvement plans for all of the Township Parks.

Ken Lehr reporting on Pickleball informed that he contacted Dan Dixon who has indicated he was not happy with how the tennis courts at Lambert Park were lined for Pickleball usage. Tim McNally informed Royersford recently painted Pickleball lines on some of their basketball courts and asked if the Township could consider painting Pickleball lines on the basketball courts at Paoli Pike Park. Ken Lehr indicated that Paoli Pike Park is too close to the neighboring housing development for Pickleball courts and stated there also is not enough parking.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the dogpark and skatepark, informed that the Township would be partnering again this summer with Fairman's to offer three skatecamps at the skatepark. Ken Lehr noted the Township is now accepting reservations for the skatecamps.

Eunice Alexander, reporting on the Goshen Tree Tenders (GTT), informed that the trees planted in November at Community Park, Hamlet Crest Park, and Lambert Park appear to be okay. The trees could use a little more mulch around the base to help compensate for the dry weather. Eunice Alexander noted the swamp oak at Coopersmith Park is not doing well at this time. Eunice Alexander informed she has two small nurseries at her home containing 24-28 trees that can be utilized as replacements for the diseased/ hazardous ash trees that are being removed at Coopersmith Park. This will provide more tree diversity for the park. Eunice Alexander indicated four bald cypress trees and four buttonbush shrubs were recently planted within the marsh area of Barker Park. Finally, Eunice Alexander said the Norway maple is now on the Recommended PA Noxious Weeds List.

Ken Lehr, reporting on shirts and jackets for Park and Recreation Board members, said the items are in his office and would be handed out at the end of the Park and Recreation Board meeting.

New Business: Ken Lehr began a discussion on a memorial naming request for former Township Supervisor Pat McIlvaine sent in by longtime friend Sarah Finnaren. Jerry Napiecek asked if anyone had ideas on what would be an appropriate Township structure to be named in Pat McIlvaine's honor. Eunice Alexander asked if we can offer suggestions based on her likes. Ken Lehr suggested looking at the projects she worked on for the Township. Dorine McClune stated if we do a park bench in honor of Pat McIlvaine who would be required to pay for it. Douglas White suggested that someone from the Township should contact Barbara McIlvaine Smith or one of Pat McIlvaine's children (Sarah, Scott or Steven) to get input from the family on what might be appropriate. Eunice Alexander indicated she may be able to help get the contact information.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Township Yard Sale, informed that this year's event will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Anyone interested in participating must register for the event by June 5th. Ken Lehr stated that there will be no charge for vendors to set up at the West Goshen Municipal Complex.

Mike Pillagalli informed the Historical Commission is planning a cemetery tour of the Oaklands Cemetery on Tuesday May 30th starting at 6:00 PM. At this time there are 45-50 people signed up for the event.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Lou Enoches and seconded by Tim McNally to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward T Smith