

West Goshen Township
Park and Recreation Board
July 19, 2023

Attending: Eunice Alexander, Allison Bonjo, Bob Cifone, Mary Lou Enoches, Tim McNally, Jerry Napiecek, Mike Pillagalli, and Ed Smith

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

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

This meeting was advertised in The Daily Local News on December 19, 2022.

This meeting agenda was posted on the West Goshen Township website and at the Township Building on Friday, July 14, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the June 21, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Mary Lou Enoches and seconded by Bob Cifone.

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

Parks Department: Dorine McClune reported that the Parks Crew is busy cutting grass, trimming bushes and pulling weeds at the various Township Parks. Dorine McClune informed that the glass in the clock at Lambert Park that was broken by vandals has been repaired at a cost of \$125.00. Jerry Napiecek stated that Cloud Park look great for the Raymond H Halvorsen Little League field dedication on July 3rd.

Summer Recreation Program: Tom Steines said the 2023 Summer Recreation Program is currently at the halfway point. Tom Steines stated the kids are having fun and indicated there were no major injuries to report at this time. The 2023 Summer Recreation Program began on June 20th and will run through August 11th.

Teen Program: Tom Steines said the 2023 SummerTeen Program is off to a great start with 34 campers registered for the program that is averaging around 20 campers per day. The 2023 Summer Teem Program began on June 20th and will run through August 11th.

Friends of West Goshen Parks: Jerry Napiecek, reporting for the Friends of West Goshen Parks, informed that their next Board of Directors meeting will be held next Thursday at 6:00 PM. Jerry Napiecek said members of the Friends were providing support at Community Park for the July 4th Decorated Bicycle Parade. Jerry Napiecek stated the Friends cancelled their plans to offer a 50/50 raffle at the June 25th Greaseband concert since attendance was

impacted due to questionable weather. Jerry Napiecek indicated the Friends will be offering a 50/50 raffle at the August 6th Motown concert.

Old Business: Ken Lehr, reporting on 2023 bus trips informed that one bus was filled for the June 24th trip to New York. Ken Lehr indicated the Township has cancelled plans to offer a trip to Cape Cod on 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 New York Mets, the October 15th trip to MetLife Stadium to see the Eagles take on the New York Jets and the October 29th trip to FedEx Field to see the Eagles take on the Washington Commanders. In November and December, the Township will feature bus trips to New York on December 2nd, as well as trips to Radio City Music Hall on November 19th and December 4th.

Ken Lehr reported that the rededication ceremonies for the 'J. Arnold Bair Gazebo' were held on Sunday, June 25th at 6:00 PM under rainy conditions. Members of the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors, Park and Recreation Board, The Friends of West Goshen Parks, and the Bair family attended the rededication ceremonies. Ken Lehr noted that the Bair family was very pleased with the ceremony.

Ed Smith, reporting on the dedication of the Raymond H Halvorsen Little League Field, informed that around 100 people attended the dedication ceremonies that were held on Monday, July 3rd at noon. Ken Lehr offered thanks to Township Supervisor Tinamarie Smith for her help organizing the event.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the dedication of the Municipal Courtyard in memory of Dr. Robert White, informed that the formal dedication ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, August 17th at 3:00 PM. Ken Lehr stated everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony that will also recognize West Goshen Township retired staff and supervisors.

Ken Lehr began a discussion on the proposed memorial naming request for former Township Supervisor Pat McIlvaine indicating the Township had heard from Sarah Finnaren informing that the family is happy with a park bench option. Dorine McClune suggested locating the park bench at the Community Park stating Pat McIlvaine's husband liked to ride in his wheel chair around the Community Park. The members of the Park and Recreation Board gave their unanimous approval for the request to name a park bench in honor of Pat McIlvaine. Mary Lou Enoches stated that out of respect for Pat McIlvaine's years of dedication and service, West Goshen Township should pay for the park bench.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the 2023 Summer Concert Series, informed that around 200 people attended the June 25th Greaseband concert that was delayed until 6:45 PM due to inclement weather. Only fifteen people attended the July 9th Latin Concert featuring De Tierra Caliente. This concert was moved indoors due to torrential rains. Next up is the West Chester Concert Band on July 23rd. Jerry Napiecek asked if the Township has been able to line up any food

vendors for the upcoming concerts. Ken Lehr informed he has contacted Scoops ‘N’ Smiles to determine their availability for the August 6th Motown concert. 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	Community Park	70+
June 25 th	Party Band	Greaseband	Community Park	200
July 9 th	Latin America	De Tierra Caliente	Fugett Middle School	15
July 23 rd	Big Band	West Chester 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 tentatively planned for Thursday September 7th at 5:30 PM pending approval of this date/time from the members of the Friends of West Goshen Parks. Those attending will be asked to meet at the West Goshen Municipal Complex at 5:15 PM with the tour beginning at 5:30 PM.

Ken Lehr informed that the pickleball subcommittee consisting of Jerry Napiecek, Ed Smith, Tim McNally, Ken Lehr, and Township resident Dan Dixon visited the courts at Concord Township, Main Line YMCA and Lionville earlier on July 19th. Ken Lehr noted the sites were professionally done and fully dedicated to pickleball and represent something the Township could look to do long-term, stating that the Township would need to identify the funding and costs for this type of project. Ken Lehr indicated a short-term option for the Township would include relining some of the Township’s tennis courts for pickleball usage. Mary Lou Enoches asked if when the Township takes ownership of the open space at Greystone, an area could be designated for pickleball courts. Ken Lehr indicated there are not any large, flat open space areas at Greystone. Jerry Napiecek suggested considering converting the current dogpark into pickleball courts once a new location for the dogpark is identified. Eunice Alexander informed that there was discussion about turning the existing dogpark into a Community Garden since this location already has the water source required and a close proximity to a residential area. Ken Lehr stated that when the Township Parks Plan is updated, space for pickleball court(s) could be identified. Jerry Napiecek informed that per Dan Dixon, the lining of the Lambert Park tennis courts for pickleball usage was not done correctly and may need to be relined.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the dogpark and skatepark informed that the Township would partner again this summer with Fairman’s to offer three skatecamps at the skatepark. Ken Lehr indicated seventeen skateboarders registered for the first skatecamp that was held on July 10th through July 14th. The second skatecamp is scheduled for July 24th through July 28th and the

third skatecamp is scheduled for August 21st through August 25th. Ken Lehr noted there will also be a beginner's clinic scheduled beginning June 26th on Mondays for 7 weeks from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM as part of the Township's Summer Recreation Program.

Eunice Alexander, reporting on the Goshen Tree Tenders (GTT), informed that a call for help with watering newly planted trees and shrubs was required as a result of the profound drought conditions encountered in May. As a result, a tree may have been lost at Community Park. Eunice Alexander indicated she would keep an eye on the situation to see if the tree will need to be replaced in the fall. Eunice Alexander stated the plantings at Hamlet Crest Park are doing ok but need some work going forward. Dorine McClune indicated she would get someone to put mulch on the two new trees recently planted at the Community Park. Eunice Alexander reported the Goshen Tree Tenders (GTT) will meet August 11th to finalize their fall plan for this year.

New Business: Ken Lehr reporting, on the West Goshen Township Parks, Recreation and Open Space Planning Committee, informed that this new group will be comprised of three Park and Recreation Board members, one member of the Board of Supervisors and one to two members of the Planning Commission. Anyone interested should contact Ken Lehr.

Ken Lehr, reporting on the Park Tree Coverage report, informed that Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) member Melanie Vile has put together a report on this topic. Ken Lehr stated he will check to see if she would like to present the report at an upcoming Park and Recreation Board meeting.

Allison Bonjo stated the parking lots at Greystone look great and asked if they should be open when the trails are not open yet. Dorine McClune informed the parking lots should not be open if the trails are not open and indicated the builder may have them open for some reason.

Eunice Alexander stated it would be great to have a retractable awning for the front of the Amphitheater at Community Park. Ken Lehr indicated this may be something we want to add to the Master Plan.

A motion was made by Mike Pillagalli and seconded by Bob Cifone to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T Smith