

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE COMMITTEE
October 17, 2013
FINAL**

Present

Ann Toole representing Toole Recreation welcomed the members who are serving on the Plan Advisory Committee.

The members are: Carmen Battavio, (Board of Supervisors), Chris Reardon, (Historic Commission), Al Zuccarello, (Commerce Commission), Ginnie Newlin, (Conservancy Board), Dan Daley, (Planning Commission), Joseph Zulli,(Park & Rec Commission).

The alternate members attending were: Janet Emanuel (Board of Supervisors), Nathan Cline, (Planning Commission), Monica Close and (Historic Commission.)

Other attendees: Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer, John Theilacker of the Brandywine Conservancy, Rick Tralies of the Natural Lands Trust, Frank Vattilano, East Goshen Township Park & Rec Director, Mike Broennle, Chester County Cycling Coalition, and Mr. William Egan, Township resident.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ann Toole. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for our Military Troops.

Committee Nominations

The Committee nominated Dan Daley as Chairman and Chris Reardon as Vice-Chairman.

Meeting Dates

Mrs. Toole said the Committee would not meet in November and their next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2013. At their December meeting the Committee would do an assessment of parks, and recreation facilities. January's meeting the Committee would give a blue print on goals. The February and March meetings the Committee will be focusing on the information they received and applying it to the Comprehensive Plan. Mark Gordon will check on meeting dates for 2014.

Community Trends

Mrs. Toole asked the members to give what are the trends in the community regarding parks, recreation and open space. She stated that there should be a focus group of people that the Committee could interview. The Committee suggested senior adults, arts, school district personnel, sporting groups such as Great Valley Little League and Greater Chester Valley Soccer League.

Committee Suggestions regarding Recreation Open Space

Mr. Joe Zulli noticed that there is a large amount of people during the day using our East Goshen Township Park; you can drive by and notice people walking and jogging on the trails in the park early in the morning and in the evening there are people using the fields for sports such as little league and soccer.

Mr. Chris Reardon who is the Chairman of the Historic Commission would like to make sure the Historic nature is preserved.

Mike Broennle said the use of pathways such as walking or cycling would be considered “people power” recreation.

Al Zuccarello who serves as the Chairman of the Commerce Commission and is also on the Planning Commission said that businesses like a well maintained open space park area. A well maintained park and open space makes it “business friendly” and is an incentive for businesses to stay in the Township. A suggestion was made from the businesses on Enterprise Drive to have a walking/bike trail installed. The East Goshen Township Public Works lined an area on Enterprise Drive putting in a walking/bike trail. When you travel on Enterprise Drive you find people using the trail every day.

Ginnie Newlin said that she is interested that residents and animals have open space and this would make it a beautiful environment for the Township.

Carmen Battavio told the Committee that the use of the Parks shows that they are using it as healthier activity.

Dan Daley – The school age population in the Township has gotten smaller. The number of children enrolled with the Little League has had a slight decrease.

Joe Zulli had a question pertaining to other open space areas in the park besides East Goshen Park. He asked if the open space area in his residential community would be included with their discussion. Mrs. Toole said that open space in residential areas would be included.

Frank Vattilano who is the Park and Rec Director for East Goshen Township reported that parks provide gathering places for residents.

Opportunities

Mrs. Toole said this could be an opportunity to suggest that a bike trail be installed along Paoli Pike. This would also include being a part of the County Bike and Trail system. Mrs. Toole stated that there are more opportunities such as sports facilities as the YMCA, ACAC and other clubs that have supervision that parents can have their children belong to. She stated that the committee could brainstorm with Supervisors and the Chamber of Business and Industry.

Mrs. Toole said that the Committee could interview people and small groups (focus groups) The Committee suggested the following people: Leroy Whitehead of the Fuggett Middle School, Brian Dolan, Homeowner Association Representatives, Representatives in Corporate Parks, Conrad Ollie of CTDI, Mr. Jonathan Zangwell of Mars Drinks, QVC personnel, and Mr. Ed McFalls of Wooldridge Construction are people could give the Township a good long term prospective.

The Township will do an on line mailing using constant contact to answer a survey for recreation open space. They will also have an article in the next township newsletter. Frank Vattilano will hand out comment cards at the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on December 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm. There is no meeting scheduled for November. Mrs. Toole adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Morgan
Receptionist/Secretary

