

**FINAL
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE COMMITTEE
January 28, 2014**

Present

Dan Daley, Chairman and Committee members: Chris Reardon, Janet Emanuel, Ginnie Newlin, Joe Zulli and Don Zemruski were present. Also in attendance were Mark Gordon, Anne Toole, Jason Lang, and Rick Trailes from Natural Lands and Trust.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Dan Daley. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and there was a moment of silence for our military troops.

December 19, 2013 Minutes

Making a correction in the demographics section the minutes were approved.

Report on Parks and Open Space

Ann Toole gave a report on the Township Park and Open Space. She said after reviewing the questionnaires she received from our residents our parks and open space were graded as very good to excellent. Mr. Gordon said that there are about eight thousand households in East Goshen Township. Mr. Zulli asked if there were and deficiencies. Ms. Toole said that she received a few questionnaires asking that the bathrooms be maintained and to have new playground equipment on the tot lot. She said that Township residents wanted what was left of open space preserved.

Rick Trailes report on the Township Park

Mr. Trailes gave a presentation on the East Goshen Township Park. He said that the soccer fields and the football fields were in good shape. He said that the bleachers need backs on them. He had a question on the tennis keys. He was told that a yearly fee for a resident is \$30.00 and non-residents were \$50.00. The fees that were collected help maintained he courts and locks were put on the courts to give the courts protection from skate boards and other outdoor equipment. He said that the tennis courts were in good shape. The committee looked at pictures of the park and ideas that came up were:

- 1) Where would be a good place to put the exercise equipment?
- 2) Should the tot lot playground equipment divided into age groups; 2-5 years of age and over 6 years of age.
- 3) The committee looked at the idea of keeping the t-ball fields near the tot lot or moving the closer to the ball fields.
- 4) The committee looked at the pictures and discussed the ideas of where the gazebos should be placed in the park. Mr. Daley said the small gazebo was at a very good location in the park and it provided shade for the people who had children playing on the ball fields.
- 5) Correction: The Board had a further discussion regarding field use and where to put the necessary playground equipment, exercise equipment and t-ball field locations.

Mr. Trailes reported that there were various signs at the park which were in different sizes and colors and he thought it should be uniform. He also showed pictures of drainage problems. He said that he was at the park on a cold day and the water had frozen in certain areas. He stated that he and Ann Toole will review the pictures with Mark Miller our Public Works Director.

Mr. Trailes presented the idea that planting trees and meadow grasses would reduce mowing at the park.

There will be an open house scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2014 and it will be posted on our website with a questionnaire and it will also go out on constant contact. The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

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