

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
August 2, 2012**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidi Karpa at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
John Jamgochian
Erich Meyer
PJ Viloski
Betsy Williams
Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

Thom Clapper, Township Supervisor
Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation

A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heidi asked for a moment of silence to remember our Armed Forces.

Heidi asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

B. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Farmers Market and the 501c3 – Discussion raised several questions: Did the 501c3 receive any funds from the Farmers Market? Was it appropriate for the 501c3 to receive funds from the Farmers Market since technically, these funds would be considered rental fees? Lisa O'Neil mentioned to Heidi that the Township was paying the insurance for the Farmers Market? How many hours does Public Works use to set up before and clean up after the Farmers Market? Heidi will invite Jon Altshul, CFO, to the September meeting. The Commission would like a formal accounting of all 2011-2012 fees from the Farmers Market. Heidi will try to get copies of the minutes for the 501c3 meetings. The Chester County Foundation website mentions East Goshen but doesn't show any financial information.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The Chairman noted that the minutes of July 5, 2012 were approved.

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation, reported that summer programs in aerobics, yoga, pilates, zumba and soccer clinics are ongoing as is the Youth Summer Camp. Preschool Entertainment in the Park has been held every Tuesday in July. Attendance this summer is down from last year's 80 to 40 for this year. Frank attributes this to the lack of a paper newsletter. When he polled parents, he found that they would prefer a written notice about events. Frank is still receiving calls and applications for the East Goshen Park pavilions. The township park soccer/football field will not be ready for play in August due to the lack of rain. Mark Miller feels, if we get some rain, they will be ready in mid-September. Frank informed the teams of this possible delay in March. So far he has only received 2 permit requests. He will hold a meeting of the permit applicants. Summer Camp has been excellent. In addition to the slate of classes in Arts and Crafts, Gym, Anything Goes, Spanish and Music along with field trips, they also had Police Detective Bill Cahill give a presentation on what it takes to be a detective; two PECO reps gave a presentation on energy consumption and conservation; and the Goshen Fire Co will come this Friday with their water cannon equipped truck to cool the kids off. Frank is always proud to show off our kids to people giving presentations at the camp. Our kids are smart, well behaved, and eager to learn and have fun. The staff is wonderful and the volunteers have been great.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance Review – The Commission reviewed the new Park and Recreation Commission Ordinance and Mission Statement. Joe understands the ongoing, established events that the Park & Rec

Commission is responsible for but he wants to consider other ideas and work with the other ABCs. He sees the structured agenda but no vision for the future.

Heidi feels that the East Goshen Park is special and the community loves it. She would like to get the demographics of the participants in the various programs.

2. Budget - The Commission reviewed the reports that were provided. They need to understand the Public Works portion better. They need more details on the expenses for events. The Commission members will focus on the following items and bring details to the next meeting:

- a. Budget – Betsy will meet with Jon to go over the process used in the past.
- b. Events – Ann Marie and John
- c. Programs/demographics – Frank, PJ and Joe
- d. Community Outreach – Heidi and Erich

3. Goals & Objectives – Ann Marie explained that the Commission determines short and long term goals. The annual report mentioned in the Ordinance is given at the Annual ABCs meeting each January. The Commission decided that one of the items in the Tag Report will be reviewed and discussed at each meeting. They need to determine what was done and not done.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Pumpkin Festival – After some discussion, Ann Marie made a motion to have just a Pumpkin Festival on Saturday October 13 or October 20. PJ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Frank will check on events in neighboring communities and select a date.

G. LIASION REPORTS

1. Planning Commission – Joe attended the meeting last night. The height for shelters for wireless equipment was originally 8 feet. Now the standard is 10 feet. Liberty Towers will have to increase the fence and screening to be at 10 feet.

H. ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Frank received a letter complaining about people driving through stop signs in the Park. He forwarded it to the police.

2. Frank received an inquiry about putting ads on the ball field fences.

3. John and PJ attended the meeting in West Chester about trails in Chester County. PJ felt they are trying to connect major areas – West Chester, Downingtown and Exton. There was an East Goshen resident there who is looking for ways to connect West Chester Pike and Paoli Pike to other areas in East Goshen. PJ reported that there is a program called “walking bus” for kids who walk to school so they walk together in a group. The next meeting will be October 25, 2012 at West Whiteland Township.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ann Marie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heidi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm. However, the **Commission members will meet at the township building at 6:00 pm to take a tour of the township parks and open spaces.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary