

Park Commission
Agenda
Thursday, September 6th, 2012
7:00 PM

Note: The Park Commission will take a pre meeting van tour of the parks at 6pm

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
- E. Approval of Minutes from August 2nd , 2012 meeting
- F. Chairman's Report
- G. Director's Report
- H. Old Business –
 - 1. Subcommittee progress update on budget, events, programs/demographics, and community outreach
 - 2. Pumpkin Fest
 - 3. Farmers Market info update
- I. New Business
 - 1. Amphitheater at park
 - 2. Discussion of one item from TAG report
- J. Liaison reports
- K. Any Other Matter
- L. Public Opinion
- M. Adjournment

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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.

1 **E. NEW BUSINESS**

2 1. Ordinance Review – The Commission reviewed the new Park and Recreation Commission
3 Ordinance and Mission Statement. Joe understands the ongoing, established events that the Park & Rec
4 Commission is responsible for but he wants to consider other ideas and work with the other ABCs. He sees the
5 structured agenda but no vision for the future.
6 Heidi feels that the East Goshen Park is special and the community loves it. She would like to get the
7 demographics of the participants in the various programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 None
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43 **J. ADJOURNMENT**

44 There being no further business, Ann Marie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heidi seconded the
45 motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next meeting will be
46 Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm. However, the **Commission members will meet at the**
47 **township building at 6:00 pm to take a tour of the township parks and open spaces.**
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53 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary
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8/28/12

Report

To: Park Commission

RE: September 6th, 2012 Commission Meeting

From: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation

Yoga, Pilates, and Zumba are ongoing.

We have three organizations with permits to use the park in September and October- Sts Simon and Jude football and St Patrick's soccer teams will start using the large soccer/football field on Sept 10th. Great Valley Little League will use the softball and baseball fields.

Our fall programs will include aerobics, yoga, meditation, Pilates, zumba, Olympic Power Walking, and Stroller Fitness. The aerobics, yoga, meditation, Pilates, and zumba all accommodate seniors and the Stroller Fitness is for moms and smaller totes. Our trips to the Hudson Valley and New York City are normally composed of about 60% seniors. Our Township special events include an Applebrook Golf outing on Sept. 25th, the township wide yard sale on Sept. 29th, and the Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 13th. Our late fall special event is Help a Neighbor for the Holidays and will be on Dec. 1st. (this was formerly Neighbor to Neighbor Day)

Please see the *East Goshen Recreation Activities, Special Events and Trips* summary sheet for 2012 which is part of the packet.

Frank Vattilano

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East Goshen Township Recreation Activities, Special Events and Trips for 2012 (as of 8/16/12)

Programs and Clinics	Season of Year	Age Group Targeted	Cost
Petite Soccer Clinics	Fall and Spring	3 to 5 year olds	\$89 R \$95 NR
Learning to Skate for Tots	Winter	3 to 5 year olds	\$89
Preschool Entertainment-	Summer	2 to 5 year olds	0
Summer Youth Camp	Summer	5 to 12 year olds	\$70 Wk of July 4 th R \$80 Wk of July 4 th NR
Tennis Clinic clinics	Summer Spring	5 to 12 year olds 50 and better year olds	\$ 60 \$108
Soccer Clinic	Summer	5 to 12 year olds	\$135 R \$145 NR
Golf Clinic	Summer Spring	6 to 14 year olds 50 and better year olds	\$179 \$ 80
Zumba	Winter, Spring, Fall Winter, Spring, Fall	18 to 50 year olds 50 and better year olds	\$ 65 \$ 65
Pilates	Winter, Spring, Fall, Summer	18 to 70 year olds	\$ 65 \$ 65
Yoga	Winter, Spring, Fall, Summer Winter, Spring, Fall	18 to 50 year olds 50 and better year olds	\$ 120 \$ 90
Meditation	Winter, Spring, Fall	18 to 75 year olds	\$ 90
Olympic Power Walking	Spring/Fall	18 to 60 year olds	
Stroller Fit	Spring/Fall	Moms and tots	
Volleyball Clinic	Summer	12 to 14 year olds	\$ 25
Volunteer Program for Summer Camp	Summer	13 to 18 year olds	0
Mature Driving Clinic	Spring	50 and better	\$ 19
Community Day	Summer 6/23	All ages	0
UK Elite Soccer Clinic	Summer 6/25 to 6/29	Ages 5 to 12	\$89 res \$95 non/res
Youth Rec Camp	Summer 7/2 to 8/3	Ages 5 to 12	\$80 res \$90 non/res
Youth Tennis Clinic	Summer 8/6 to 8/9	Ages 6 to 12	\$60
Youth Golf Clinic	Summer 8/14 to 8/17	Ages 6 to 14	\$179
Girls V Ball Clinic	Spring 6/4 to 6/25	Middle school girls	\$25
Special Events			
Egg Hunt	Spring	2 to 10 year olds	0
Community Day	Summer	All ages	0
Applebrook Golf Outings	Summer and Fall	18 years and up	\$90 or \$120 w/caddie
Harvest Festival	Fall	Family	0
Neighbor to Neighbor Day	Late fall	5 years and up	0
Basics of Fishing	Summer	Family	\$5
Events for remainder of 2012			
Applebrook Golf Outing	fall	Ages 18 and up	\$90 or \$120 w/caddie
Pumpkin Festival	fall	All ages	0
Hudson Valley Trip	fall	Families/seniors	See above
Neighbor Day	Fall	Ages 6 and up	0
NYC trip	Late fall	Families/seniors	\$35
Township Wide Yard Sale	Early fall	Families/seniors	0

Note: the median age in East Goshen is 50 years old

The median age in PA is 40 years old