

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
October 4, 2012**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 4, 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
Betsy Williams
Erich Meyer
John Jamgochian
Joseph Zulli
PJ Viloski

Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Grant LePard, 1441 Patterson Lane (Willistown Boy Scout Troop 78)

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John 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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Boy Scout Grant LePard of Troop 78 wants to make 3 to 4 handicapped picnic tables that can be placed in our township parks. He plans on asking local businesses for donations in order to produce these handicapped accessible picnic tables and would have the names of those businesses who sponsor, located somewhere on the new tables. Grant asked Frank what type of wood material would be acceptable. Frank told Grant that he would have to talk with Mark Miller. Grant also asked if he could use one of our facilities to construct those tables. Joe asked Grant if he and the troop would have adult supervision on this project. Frank said that if the troop is able to use one of our facilities, he will in fact need adult supervision. Frank suggested to Grant that Frank, Grant and Mark Miller should meet one day during the week, early in the morning before school to discuss type of wood and availability of facility. Joe motioned to have Mark Miller decide on this project, Heidi second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Joe suggested that, based on previous meetings, if there are others attending the meetings besides other ABC members, we should be specific in asking if there are any public opinions/comments rather than just speaking out when they feel it's necessary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The Chairman noted that the minutes of September 6, 2012 were approved as corrected.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation, Pumpkin Festival - Frank reported that we are set and ready for the festival and all he needs at this point are volunteers to help run the trackless train, low striker & high striker. John Jamgochian, PJ Viloski & Ann Marie agreed to volunteer to run the trackless train, Betsy volunteered to help with running the low striker and Heidi volunteered to help with running the high striker. Frank has ordered new golf shirts for the Park & Rec members

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If it rains the day before or early in the am the day of the scheduled festival, Frank will check the park early the day of October 13th to determine if it's necessary to utilize the rain date. Rain date of festival will be Sunday October 14th.

PJ brought to our attention that there will be another festival event locally 1.3 miles away and could impact our Pumpkin Festival on October 13th 2012. Frank did confirm that there is going to be a festival locally. An Idea was brought up to connect with the other festival in order help promote each event. PJ & Betsy didn't feel that would be a good idea because of the possibility of too much traffic and of not having enough pumpkins to give away to the children who attend our festival. Frank is instituting "pumpkin minders" to assist with pumpkin distribution in

order to ensure that each child receives only 1 pumpkin. Frank is considering getting some kind of a pumpkin stamp that the “pumpkin minders” can stamp on each child’s hand when they receive their pumpkin, in order to keep track of who has already received their pumpkin.

PJ developed a questionnaire that each of the Park & Rec members can use to randomly ask residents who attend the festival a series of short questions. These questions will help track how residents heard about this event, if they live in East Goshen or the surrounding area, and would they come to future events that East Goshen Hosts, etc.

Frank is looking into 3 new programs

Walking Dogs on Trails

Stroller Fitness

Power Walking

Frank was asked if Mr. John Maglio, Athletic Director of the Delaware Valley Friends School, Paoli PA has purchased the permit as agreed for \$1,200 and if they have started using the walking tracks. Frank confirmed that the Delaware Valley Friends School team has started using our tracks and that it has been going well.

Frank also mentioned that all the soccer fields are now playable and can be used.

OLD BUSINESS

1. FARMERS MARKET - At 6pm this evening, all members of the Park and Recreation Commission met with Lisa O'Neil and Donna Levitsky, who currently run the farmers market for East Goshen. The purpose of the meeting was to hear Lisa’s proposal to continue running the farmers market for next year. Lisa made it very clear that she is resigning, and does not intend to run next year's farmers market. She said she made two attempts to negotiate a figure with the Board of Supervisors and they turned her down. The last number was \$1,200 for her to run next season’s farmers market. Since then, Lisa has agreed to run a farmers market next year in Malvern. Lisa was asked directly by the P&R if she would be open to further discussion about running the East Goshen Farmers market next year and she declined. She strongly feels that a farmers market in both Malvern and East Goshen in the same week would not work and that East Goshen would be the weaker of the two.

The P&R will ask the BOS to make a motion and allow the P&R to move forward and seek options for a new and improved farmers market.

Joe will contact Rick Smith to obtain all famers market information pertaining to operations.

Ann Marie will gather a current vendors list and give it to Heidi.

Heidi will talk with Thom Clapper regarding the farmers market.

All other items on the agenda were tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Heidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Mare seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Jamgochian, Secretary