

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
May 2, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 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  
PJ Viloski  
Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation  
Thom Clapper, Township Supervisor  
Phyllis Marron, Resident

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Heidi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Chairman noted that the minutes of April 4 and April 16, 2013 were approved as corrected.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1. Heidi reported that next Thursday May 9, 2013 will be the opening day of the Summer Farmers Market. There are 26 vendors signed up and 5 or 6 crafters will be there. They plan to feature crafters on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and chefs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month. She is pleased with the support from the community. She asked the Commission members to volunteer to help once a month. She, John and Ann Marie plan to be there every week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Community Day - Frank reported that there will be a petting zoo, pony rides, parachute, helicopter from Jefferson Hospital, laser tag, Paoli Hospital, face painting, food vendor and more. Thom explained that he and Frank are investigating the possibility of installing a permanent sound system in the park. There would be 4 zones that could be used all at one time or just one zone. Also there would be a wireless microphone. Unfortunately the Public Works Department is very busy now and can't dig the trenches etc. that are needed. Thom is waiting for the cost of a contractor to do this work, then he will present the proposal to the Board of Supervisors. It may not be done for this Community Day.

Light Ups – Ann Marie reported that the Boy Scout Troop will not be able to sell the Light Ups this year. She has another non-profit, the color guard team from East High School, that could do this. Heidi wants the decisions about sales in the park to be consistent. She feels it should be explained that no sales are allowed in the park except when sponsored by the Township at a Township sponsored event. Ann Marie commented that the scouts had about 20 people at the table and throughout the crowd. They made about \$800 - \$1,000. They bought the lights for \$1 each/50 per box and sold them for \$2 - \$5 depending on the style. Ann Marie also has a group of volunteers that will sell the lights and all of the profit will go to the township. Thom mentioned that he is having a difficult time getting funds from sponsors this year. Joe made a motion to proceed to get a volunteer group to sell the lights on behalf of the Township. If not, then get another group to sell them with 50% of the profits going to the Township. Betsy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ann Marie recused herself from the vote.

Several Commission members feel the people attending Community Day would be willing to make a donation toward the expenses. Ideas for collecting the donations were \$5/car to park, or donation tables throughout the area. Thom commented that this is a free event and he doesn't think the Board of Supervisors will approve it for this year.

Frank distributed a copy of a letter from Brad Roberson, Scout Leader, who proposes to have the scouts do demonstrations, such as, teamwork race, orienteering, etc. The Commission asked Frank to contact him.

2. 5K Race and Fund Raiser – The commission reviewed the comments from Rick Smith, Township Manager, regarding allowing fund raisers in the Park. Since there are currently no guidelines for fund raisers, Heidi made a motion to authorize the 5k run only and start to consider guidelines for the future. Betsy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Joe will start to work on some guidelines.

3. Farmers Market – Heidi, John and Ann Marie have committed to be at the market every week. However, they will need another person to help. The time would be from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This could be broken into 2 shifts. Heidi will send out a calendar.

WCHE 1520 AM – On Wednesday May 8, 2013 at 9:15 am Heidi will be interviewed on our local radio station WCHE about the Farmers Market.

The Farmers Market is going to need some initial equipment. Jon Altshul, Township CFO, suggested changing the budget line name for the amphitheater to community events. The \$5,000 allocated to that budget item could then be used for any of the events the PRC sponsors. Heidi made a motion to rename the line item for the amphitheater to community events. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Amphitheater – Frank reported that the plans need to be approved by the Township engineers for ADA compliance. The cost of the project will be more than originally anticipated.

5. Comprehensive Plan – Erich reported that at the April 22, 2013 meeting, the schedule of meetings was reviewed. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2013 because of the holiday on Monday. June 3 was selected for the Visioning Session, which gives the residents the opportunity to speak about their ideas for the future and concerns.

6. Recycling Bins – See Mark Miller's report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Summer & Fall Event Dates – Joe suggested using the pages from the Newsletter to make a handout for the Farmers Market. Frank mentioned that registrations for the Summer Camp are down. He will make a flyer for the Farmers Market.

2. Dog Park Proposal – Frank went back through the previous Park Board minutes and found where dog parks had been discussed and/or denied (May 2004, August 2006, Oct 2006, Aug 2007 and Sept 2007). Frank has a proposal that needs a response. After review and discussion, John made a motion to deny the request for a dog park. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Wedding – Frank received a request to have a wedding at the bridge in Applebrook Park. Applebrook is a passive park and no organized events are allowed there. Frank will let them know.

## **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Frank reported that the Spring session of Aerobics, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba Toning and Line Dancing classes are in progress.

Our "Bridges" class, where gifted high school students help senior citizens with their personal tech devices, was a great success. We had 2 sessions – Sundays April 7 and 14 – and the classes were at capacity. His idea is to get Hershey's Mill, Wellington and Bellingham to commit to use of an office in their respective buildings on Sundays for this kind of help. The high school students could show up to help anyone who stops in.

The Mature Driver Ed class did not receive enough registration commitments and was cancelled.

The Township Yard Sale and Youth Summer Camp registrations are coming in.

With Youth Camp promotion and registration, Community Day details, Township Yard Sale, field and pavilion permits, Applebrook golf, ongoing classes and general rec questions and concerns, it is an exciting and extremely busy time, as it is for the Commission with the Farmers Market.

Frank needed to schedule a date for the Pumpkin Festival. He suggested Saturday, October 19, 2013 with a raindate of Sunday, October 20, 2013. The Commission agreed.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mark reported that they installed 60 yards of "Soft Fall" material at the Tot Lot and the Exercise Station. The Township's insurance company inspector, Ms Sanchez, did an inspection of the park facilities. The representative recommended that we install hand rails on the bleachers. The materials have been ordered and all work will be done in-house. Ms. Sanchez inspected the Tot Lot. She reviewed our maintenance inspection logs and said we did a great job with the inspections. Three of our employees will be attending a 3-day seminar on

playground safety. At the end of the course, they will take a test to become certified playground safety inspectors. We currently have one inspector whose license is due to expire.

Frank and I met the representatives from Great Valley Little League to go over maintenance of all the fields. We installed Diamond Tex on all fields. We replaced bases on B field and the Mill Creek ball field. The drainage problem at the exercise station was corrected by installing piping and creating a swale.

All painting of the speed humps and handicap parking was done last week. We have one employee dedicated to the geese and he has been busy oiling and shaking the eggs. Mary Dell seems to have more geese than any of the other ponds. We built decoy dogs which were installed at each pond.

The fenced in area for the dumpster was expanded to accommodate the recycling dumpster. The recycling bins were put out this week.

#### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

Eric is concerned about people with dogs crossing Paoli Pike at the original East Goshen Park entrance. Some cross on the top of the rise in the road, but he has seen several who do not. He is concerned that they will be hit by a car that can't see them until the car is at the top of the rise in the road. He suggested not mowing the grass on the Applebrook side. He will talk to Mark Miller.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Heidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. PJ seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary