

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
August 8, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidi Karpa at 7:15pm.

Commission members present were:

Ann Marie-Fletcher Moore
Betsy Williams
John Jamgochian
Erich Meyer
Joseph Zulli
P.J. Viloski

Others Present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Jon Altshul - Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Carmen Battavio - Board Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heidi asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one was recording the meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman noted that the minutes of June 6th were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project - Frank brought up that an Eagle Scout candidate, Charlie Barton, came to the BOS meeting on Tuesday August 6, 2013 to present an idea for a project to erect a 2nd storm shelter on the Western end of Applebrook Park, similar to the current one that exists on the east end. Carmen Battavio, who is a member of the BOS and now Liaison to the Park and Recreation commission, mentioned that the BOS supports the project and that Park and Rec will have the final say whether to go forward with the project. The commission was able to have a conference call with Charlie Barton, the Eagle Scout, for further discussion on placement, types of material used and to confirm that all labor and material will be donated at no cost to the Township. Present were plans of the project that the commission was able to view. Charlie Barton's role as an Eagle Scout is to manage the project from start to finish. After review of plans and speaking with Charlie, Heidi proposed a motion to move forward with the project. Erich made the motion to approve the project and Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Exact placement of the shelter still needs to be finalized by Mark Gordon, Mark Miller and Frank Vattilano. Charlie would like to dedicate the shelter in the name of Sgt. Louis R. Fastuca and all past East Goshen Residents who served and died for our county.

2014 Budget - Jon Althsul commented that the Park and Rec Commission should have their proposed 2014 budget to him by the first week of September. The budget should include: Community Day, Farmers Market, Pumpkin Festival, amphitheater and any other events the Park and Rec would like to have including new, mid and long term goals; for example, a Flea Market in the Park.

Jon informed the Park and Rec Commission that the new Friends of East Goshen is up and running. Sandy Snyder is the Chairperson and looking for others who would be interested in volunteering with the new 501C3.

Recreation Director - Ann Marie suggested and recommended that Frank stay on after retirement and consider continuing doing the Summer Camp Program on a part time basis. Ann Marie has heard several times over the years that Frank does a wonderful job with the summer camp program and as Director of Recreation. The parents and children of East Goshen Township would hate to see him go. Frank was asked if this was something he would consider, and he said he would not rule it out but, his concern was that, if he sought a different part time position outside the Township, it may interfere with that position.

Carmen suggested that the Park and Rec Commission, in the very near future, talk about the next director and whether that director should be full time or part time candidate and if a consultant is necessary to run the summer camp program.

PJ asked Carmen who is involved in the selection process for the new park and rec director. PJ is willing to be a part of that process and offered his gratis in doing so. Carmen did say that may be a possibility but, as of right now, Carmen only knows of management who will be involved with the hiring process of Frank's successor.

Fall Flea Market - A fall flea market was something that was briefly discussed in a prior meeting. Tonight, Heidi asked if any of the commission members are willing to volunteer and help be a part of a possible flea market this fall. Although a great idea, Carmen suggested that we as a commission rethink and make sure this is something that is realistic for the commission to do by the Fall, since we are going to be faced with a transition period of a new director and still involved with running the Farmers Market. Also, we are getting ready for the fall Pumpkin Festival and planning for the Winter Farmers Market. Carmen did suggest that the flea market may be something we can put on our short/mid term goals.

Frank's Report - Frank mentioned that for this year's Pumpkin Fest, we will need volunteers.

Frank also mentioned that the township is reviving a printed quarterly newsletter. This should help bolster attendance in all the things we do in the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

Frank's Report - Community day was another success. We had more activities than ever and received rave reviews from a number of residents and participating entities. Frank gave a special thanks to PJ for his work organizing the volunteer arrangements. PJ's only suggestion for future events is that next time we gather volunteers to help, we need to make sure they all attend.

Frank mentioned that Summer Camp has been exceptional and he cannot say enough good things about his staff and volunteers as well as the wonderful children who attend.

Frank mentioned that the June Applebrook golf outing went very well. The next outing is Monday, September 23, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Heidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Jamgochian
Park & Recreation Commission Secretary