

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
October 3, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 3, 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
Joseph Zulli
PJ Viloski

Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Kathryn Yahares, Historical Commission

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidi called the meeting to order led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heidi noted that the minutes of September 5, 2013 were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Boy Scout Project – Kathryn mentioned that when they (HC members Chris Reardon, Kathryn Yahraes, Monica Close; Dolores Higgins, resident; PJ and John; and Rick Smith and Mark Miller) met at Applebrook Park before the September 5 meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission, they actually discussed several other locations in addition to the three mentioned in the minutes. They also discussed having the Scout do a survey in the park to see what people thought about an additional shelter. The Historical Commission feels very strongly that it should be placed on the northwest side of the Chamber building garage, not on the path by the parking lot. Chris Reardon sent a letter to Heidi on August 13, 2013 expressing the HC’s feelings about this historic area and recommending the location by the garage. Kathryn will email a copy of the letter to the PRC members.

Joe commented that the other locations were discussed but the Commission finally decided on the location by the parking lot. PJ said that at the meeting in the park, it seemed to him that Chris was ok with the location. Heidi suggested that, since this project was initially approved by the Board of Supervisors, the project should go back to the BOS with the PRC’s recommendation of the site by the parking lot. Heidi encouraged Kathryn to have the HC give a letter to the BOS describing their recommendation. Kathryn will have the HC write a letter to the BOS. She also mentioned that there is a web site which explains the procedures for an Eagle Scout project and gives a list of ideas for projects. She will email it to everyone.

2. Farmers Market – The market will move inside for the winter. There are still 500-700 people coming each week to the market. There is still advertising money available for the winter market. Ann Marie, Heidi and John have been talking to Carmen about getting someone to oversee the operation on Market Day. They want to remain involved with the Market but because of the time change in the Winter and their own work schedules, it will be difficult for any of them to be there.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Frank reported that the Applebrook Golf Outing on Sept. 23 went very well. He has enjoyed a good relationship with Applebrook. They are very accommodating and professional. They told him that the East Goshen groups are among the best to work with.

This Saturday, Oct. 5 is the Township Yard Sale. There are 32 people signed up for spots at the township building.

The Pumpkin Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19th. He has 35 volunteers. Those who want to help should be at the East Goshen Park at 9:00 am. Last year 1500 people attended this event.

Neighbor-to-neighbor Day will be Saturday, Nov. 16th at 9:00 am.

Registrations continue for yoga, aerobics, pilates, zumba and the NYC trip. He is still getting permit applications for park use.

Emily Bohannon, our Facebook intern, is a talented and very busy student and athlete but is updating our Facebook page.

Starting with the Winter 2014 edition, the Township Newsletter will be a paper newsletter mailed to the residents. Frank feels attendance will increase with this paper newsletter. However, it is being done by an outside firm so the deadline for articles is the deadline – no late entries will be accepted. The deadline is Oct. 29th. Frank will do an article for the winter programs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. By Laws – At the November meeting Heidi wants to start working on the By Laws and the goals and objectives for 2014. Joe suggested starting by using the responsibilities for the PRC that are in the ordinance. Betsy encouraged everyone to walk through the parks to see what needs to be done. She was at East Goshen Park today and feels some items in the Tot Lot need replacement or repair.

2. Township Open Space, Recreation & Environmental Resources Plan is being updated. The committee will be comprised of 1 member and 1 alternate from each ABC. Joe volunteered to be the main member and Heidi will be the alternate. The first meeting will be Oct. 17th. They will meet the 3rd Thurs. each month for 8 months.

LIASION REPORTS

BOS – Erich reported that the Township will continue to use Blosenski for trash pickup.

HC – Kathryn reported that during the winter they will return the Plank House and Blacksmith Shop from Civil War to Revolutionary War times. There is a completed plan for the garden. Some of the members are archiving the articles in the PH and BSS. They have many projects scheduled through next August.

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 8:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 7, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary