

Park Commission
Agenda
Thursday, November 7th, 2013
7:00 PM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
- E. Approval of Minutes from the October 3rd, 2013 meeting
- F. Chairman's Report
- G. New Business
 - 1. Open Space and Recreation Task Force Committee
 - 2. Info handout from proposed program from Willistown Township
- H. Old Business
 - 1. Pumpkin Festival
 - 2. Farmers Market
 - 3. Township Yard Sale
 - 4. Goals and Objectives for 2014
- I. Recreation Director Report
- J. Liaison reports
- K. Any Other Matter
- L. Public Opinion
- M. Adjournment

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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.

1 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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19 **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

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30 **LIASION REPORTS**

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

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

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37 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

39 The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for
40 Thursday November 7, 2013.

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45 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary
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Report

To: Park Commission

RE: November 7th, 2013 Commission Meeting

From: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation

Our Community Yard Sale was held on Saturday, Oct. 5th. We had a large contingent of shoppers browse through the twp bldg parking lot. The Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 19th was our largest ever. Thank you for your help on this event. Thanks also goes to Bob Huebner, former Park Board member, who is a mainstay Volunteer who always comes early and stays late, the Interact Club of East High School, the Amerikids, Pumpkin Queen, Jane Buckley, attendant, Charlotte Dufoe and Emily Bohannon, our Facebook Intern and official event photographer. Special thanks to Mark Miller and the Public Works crew. I appreciated it that 2 BOS members attended the event, Carmen Battavio and Janet Emmanuel. I will miss special events and summer camp the most- lots of fun and satisfaction.

I have 40 Volunteers so far for Neighbor to Neighbor Day, Nov. 16th. We have filled a large bus for our Dec 14th trip to NYC and are taking names for a second bus.

I am a member of the Open Space Recreation Plan Task Force Committee. There has been one meeting so far. Ann Toole, the plan contractor will also interview me for 2 hours next week to pick my brain. I will provide her with lots of information in electronic form also. Volunteers recruited Pumpkin Fest participants to fill out a survey for the Task Force regarding wants and needs. There was a good response.

I have submitted recreation information on programming for the 2014 Winter Newsletter that will be sent to all resident addresses in paper form. This should really enhance registration numbers.

Frank V