

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
November 7, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidi Karpa at 7:10 pm. Commission members present were:

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore

Betsy Williams

Erich Meyer

John Jamgochian

Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation

Bill Egan, resident

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidi 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 October 3, 2013 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Willistown Township – Frank mentioned that Mary McLoughlin, Parks & Recreation Director for Willistown Township, provided copies of the Field Guide 2013 that they developed for their Go WilMa! Summer Program with Malvern Borough. They want to know if East Goshen would like to participate. They have 76 East Goshen families enrolled already. Frank will ask Mary to come to the December 5 meeting.

2. Open Space Committee – Joe attended the first meeting of the Open Space and Recreation update committee. The Toole Company is the consultant and Ann Toole interviewed Frank. During the interview Frank mentioned that they need to concentrate on the children and seniors in the township. The overall objective is to come up with an updated plan based on what residents want from the open space in the township. They are organizing focus groups to see what residents think about open space and recreation. They are doing an inventory and analysis of open space. They will hold public meetings, present progress reports, provide a draft and then a final plan. Frank and Erich also attended the meeting. Joe will be away in December so Heidi will attend the meeting.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Frank reported that the Fall Yard Sale went well and attracted a large group of shoppers at the Township Building. The parking lot is available for those who live in communities where they can't have yard sales, mostly seniors at Hershey's Mill.

The Pumpkin Festival was the largest ever. Frank purchased 1200 pumpkins and the framer gave him 50 more and some corn stalks at no cost. Ann Marie commented that some people didn't get pumpkins and others were taking pumpkins with no children there. Erich feels that if they run out of pumpkins after 12 noon, that is to be expected. You can't predict how many people will come and it is first come first served. Frank mentioned that the battery for the train ran out around noon. The company refunded the fee and offered the train for the 2014 Community Day at no cost.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Farmers Market – Heidi reported that the market has moved to the Public Works Building for the winter. They will have it every Thursday until Christmas. If attendance is still very good, they will continue with every Thursday. Otherwise, they will go to every other week. Vendors are paying ½ of the summer fee. John reported that there were 20 vendors today. Heidi put a video on facebook of the vendors’ tables. John feels the entrance on Paoli Pike needs to be lighted. East Goshen is the preferred market of the vendors. The transition to the new Director was discussed. Financial reports of the market were discussed because there were questions about the numbers. Heidi will contact Jon for a more detailed report. Joe asked if the purpose of the market has changed. Heidi answered that, initially, the money from the market was supposed to go toward expenses for community events. However, it is now a community event in itself and is known throughout the area.

ANY OTHER MATTER

Heidi feels the Commission needs to spend half of the December meeting on goals, events and fees for 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Heidi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 5, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary