

Park Commission
Agenda
Thursday, December 5th, 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 November 7th, 2013 meeting
- F. Chairman's Report
- G. New Business
 - 1. 2014 Winter Newsletter Recreation info
- H. Old Business
 - 1. Mary McLoughlin to answer questions about the "Go WilMa" summer program materials given at last meeting.
 - 2. Farmers Market
 - 3 Open Space and Recreation Task Force Committee
 - 4. Accomplishments from 2013, 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
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 WilMal 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.

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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

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Report

To: Park Commission

RE: December 5th, 2013 Commission Meeting

From: Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation

I have a total of over 70 Volunteers for Neighbor to Neighbor Day, Nov. 16th. We filled over 450 large leaf bags for senior citizens who needed help with their yard work. The Interact Club from East High School, various Brownie and Daisy troops, private citizens and such did a wonderful job that beautiful morning. We have filled a large bus for our Dec 14th trip to NYC and are taking names for a waiting list. Late fall programs are ongoing and going well.

The Open Space Recreation Plan Task Force Committee contractor, Ann Toole has been asking for info for her report and I have been in regular email contact with her. She is enthusiastic and a go-getter.

I have proof read the 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.

Happy Thanksgiving

Frank V