

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
December 5, 2013**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 5, 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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidi asked Frank to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heidi asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Willistown Township – Mary McLoughlin, Parks & Recreation Director for Willistown Township, came to the meeting to explain the Go WilMa! Summer program they run, along with the Malvern and Paoli libraries. The program has been for children ages 8-12. They want to add programs for teens. The Field Guide booklet has different things they must find. When they locate the post, there is a stamp on it. They put the page of the Guide on the stamp and rub with a pencil. At the end of the summer prizes are awarded. This was their second year. She changes the locations of the posts each year. About 667 children participated this year, including 70-80 East Goshen families who are already members. The program costs about \$6,000. There is no cost to the public. Municipal sponsorship is pro-rated based on the number of their residents that sign up. She spoke to Frank about things that East Goshen has to offer. A post could be located in the park. They start to design the booklet in January. Heidi commented that there is interest in participating and they will contact her.

Mary complimented Frank on his recreation programs especially the summer camp.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Heidi thanked everyone (about 20 people) for coming to this meeting which is Frank's last official meeting. He will be retiring on December 31, 2013. She thanked him for his years of service and presented him with a gift card. Frank thanked everyone and spoke about the events and the great people on the Township staff and ABCs who helped make it fun. His first event was the opening of East Goshen Park. The Summer Program started in 1980. He was also a teacher for 30 years at Chester Upland School District and Chesterbrook Academy. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments and time together to recall many memories.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary