

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
March 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, March 6, 2014 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
Joseph Zulli
Betsy Williams

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidi led 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Heidi noted that the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. East Goshen Amphitheater
 - a. Programming – Jason mentioned that the budget for programming for 2014 is \$8,500. He got pricing from 20 different bands which ranged from a college band for free to the Grease Band for \$3,000. Usually, if the band has to bring their own sound system, there is an upcharge of about \$500. Mark Miller is still planning to have the amphitheater ready by mid-June. The commission decided to have the first musical on Saturday, July 12, 2014 in support of AIR (All Inclusive Recreation) which is a group that raises funds for children with special needs. Jason explained that this will be done by the Friends of East Goshen so an admission fee of about \$3/person can be charged. All funds raised will go to AIR.
 - b. Movies – Jason mentioned that a tripod for the projector that the Township already owns will need to be purchased. First run films cost \$250 – 500. Second run films are \$200 or less.
 - c. Preschool events will be held at the amphitheater instead of the Hicks Pavilion usually on Tuesdays at 10:00 am.
 - d. Theater Productions – This is a long term item, possibly next year. Joe suggested contacting the Peoples Light Theater in Malvern.
 - e. Jason would like to have an evening event on a Thursday night after the Farmers Market.
Joe feels something should be put on the website about the amphitheater.

Jason will type up a schedule and email it to the Commission members.

2. Egg Hunt – This will be the 19th Annual Egg Hunt. Jason showed the Commission a diagram of where the different age groups will hunt for eggs. Also he will have crafts, etc. at the Hicks Pavilion for them. The treat bags will be filled after the April meeting. He may place a few golden tickets in some eggs. The ones who get those eggs will get a prize. Also, Jason wants to call the bunny the “Great Bunny”. Next year will be the 20th anniversary and Jason would like to have an “Alumni” egg hunt.
3. Community Day – Will be held Saturday, June 21, 2014. The April meeting will be devoted to this event. Jason asked the Commission for any issues or ideas for this year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan – Joe distributed a list of considerations for this plan. He pointed out a few as follows:
 - a. Add park planning as an official township function vested in a re-configured Dept. of Parks and Recreation.
 - b. Classify the parks and establish the Level of Service for parks and recreation.
 - c. Develop a Township-wide logo system

Joe will not be able to attend the March meeting, so Heidi will attend.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Jason reported that all of the programs for 2014 were approved by the Board of Supervisors.
2. The Recreation e-newsletter is already out. He will send out program flyers on April 1st, when the Township Newsletter will be mailed. Spring Registration started Monday March 3. Summer registration will start April 7th.
3. EGT-IU Entrepreneurial Academy – Dr. Elizabeth Faunce, a professor at Immaculata and East Goshen resident, will be the lead for this program.
4. Summer Program – Staff hiring is underway. There is a significant change in the use of volunteers. Kids can't volunteer until they are 14. So, a new program will start this year for ages 12 & 13, called Senior Camp. It will cost \$25.
5. Jason did a demo of the lego robot for the Commission. Each participant will build a robot, then program it on the computer to do certain tasks. Everyone liked it and they are sure the kids will enjoy it.
6. Jason showed the Commission members the video he has been working on which describes the various programs being offered this year. The Commission members enjoyed it and gave him a few ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Heidi moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary