

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
June 5, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman PJ Viloski at 7:00 pm. Commission members present were:

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Betsy Williams
Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Erich Meyer, Conservancy Board

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PJ led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. PJ noted that the minutes of the May 1, 2014 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Space & Recreation Plan Update – Joe reported that, at the last meeting, extensive modifications were made to follow the format of the Comprehensive Plan. Some of the recommendations are:
 - a. Develop a master plan for the Paoli Pike multi-purpose trail
 - b. Add park planning as an official township function to begin a master plan to improve the parks.
 - c. Develop a program management plan for the citizens of the township to focus on children and senior citizens
 - d. Preserve open space

Ann Toole will complete a draft to present to the Board of Supervisors for approval. PJ feels this will become a permanent item on the agenda. This was the last meeting for the Open Space Plan. The next Comprehensive Plan Task Force meeting will be Monday, June 23.

2. 5K Color Run – Jason reported that 145 participants have signed up so far. The director of the event asked, if they get an auto dealer as a sponsor for the race, can they display a car at Community Day. Jason told him no since the dealer has not contributed to Community Day. The Commission members agreed.
3. Community Day - Jason reported that the vendors list will continue to change. He provided copies of the map and mentioned that he saved \$150 by designing the map himself. The REMAX hot air balloon will be there from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at no charge. It will be on Field B with a line so people can go up to it. Stubby the helicopter will not be here since the museum wanted to charge us this year. The parachutist will not be here this year since the FAA is requiring the township to purchase insurance costing \$600. Jason explained the registration process that the vendors who are participating have to provide; ie, certificate of insurance with East Goshen twp. as additional insured. Jason reviewed the budget. Volunteer shirts will come from a different vendor this year costing \$6 each. Last year's vendor gave them free of charge but this year wanted more than \$6. Prizes – The Commission members all agreed they do not want to give out “prizes”. Jason will provide a stamp to stamp the hands of participants. Jason mentioned that there is \$300 in the budget to be used for paid staff from the summer camp if needed. PJ reported that there are about 30 volunteers so far. There will be 2 shifts again this year – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm; and 6:00 p to 7:30 pm. PJ would like to read the names of the volunteers at the event. Jason will bring the “time machine” to Community Day. The lumitrons will sell for \$5.00.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks - Betsy gave a presentation of photos she took of other parks to get some ideas for signs, benches, a checkers table and chairs, etc. She pointed out that, in most of the parks, the sidewalk went up to the edge of the play area.

East Goshen Park Photos – The Tot Lot needs a lot of work. The new Amphitheater is not what the Commission envisioned. They aren't sure about the grass "seats". Jason has 4 events planned for the amphitheater this summer. He will get feedback from attendees. Not sure yet what seating is available for the handicapped. Everyone should go and take a look at it. Betsy showed some photos of the West Goshen Park, which has a paved path around the play area, and the amphitheater.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Jason reported that the enrollment for the Summer Camp is at 25 per week so far. This is up 15 over last year at this time.
2. Farmers Market – They had crazy weather for the past 3 weeks but today was awesome and they had 3 times the foot traffic.
3. Budget – Jon Altshul will be at the August meeting to discuss the budget. Jason will provide recommendations for increasing the fees. Jason met with the Friends of East Goshen and gave them some ideas for generating revenue.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Board of Supervisors – Erich reported that the request to lower the speed limit to 35 mph on Paoli Pike in front of the parks has been approved by PennDOT.
2. Planning Commission – They recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve a petition from Dunkin Donuts to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Betsy mentioned that finally after 1 ½ years the Chimes Panel is installed at the Tot Lot.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission decided to cancel their meeting on Thursday, July 3, 2014. There being no further business PJ moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary