

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
August 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Secretary John Jamgochian at 7:00 pm. Commission members present were:

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Betsy Williams
Joseph Zulli
PJ Viloski

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Jon Altshul, Township CFO
Matt Schofield, Boy Scout
Kathryn Yahraes, Resident

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. John noted that the minutes of the June 5, 2014 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2015 Budget - Jon Altshul reviewed his YTD Budget report. He mentioned that Jason has suggestions for enhancing revenue. Jon feels the Commission should increase fees this year to cover the costs of the programs. He realizes we won't be able to recover the administrative overhead for Jason's time. The request for 2015 Budget must be to him by Sept. 5th. The Commission members expressed their disappointment with the Friends and the lack of donations for Community Day compared to the past.
2. 2015 Revenue – Jason commented that at Community Day this year, 400 “lite ups” were sold producing a profit of \$400. Some suggestions for generating revenue were:
 - a. Bumper stickers
 - b. East Goshen Event calendar
 - c. Amphitheater ticketsJason will create a line item for these items.
3. Noise Amplification – Jason reported that there were 600 participants in the Color Run with about 1,000 people attending. They had lots of volunteers and parking was in Applebrook. Kathryn lives behind the park and mentioned that the music started at 8:00 am and finished around 2:00 pm. Jason pointed out that the Township Noise Ordinance allows a maximum of 60 decibels to a property line. The following was discussed:
 - a. All large events with amplification will take place at the Veterans Pavilion.
 - b. Permits will state the ordinance requirements for noise
 - c. Use Constant Contact, email and flyers to inform the residents surrounding the park of large events.
 - d. Construct a wall behind the amphitheater to project the sound toward Paoli Pk.
4. Amphitheater Review - Jason reported that the AIR music event was nice but too hot! All events of this kind will be held in the evening. Shakespeare and Chester County Concert Band each had 230-250 people attend. He will send out a survey at the end of the summer. Next event is the Disney movie “Frozen” on Sat. August 23, which will start at 9:00 pm. Kathryn pointed out that when the park was started, it was agreed with the residents that there would be no permanent night lighting in the park.
5. The Harvest Festival will be Sat. October 18. Jason wants to have a contest of pumpkins that kids bring to the festival already carved/painted. Ann Marie mentioned that they had an artist carve a

pumpkin at the festival and they sold chances for it. Also, she will get the name of the person who donates hay and takes back unused bales.

6. Tree Lighting – The plan is to have a tree planted each year in the park. The lighting will be Sat. December 13 with Santa and caroling. Jason is planning a “Stuff Jason’s Office” canned goods drive and he would like to have a house lighting contest.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Open Space Plan – Joe reported that the committee has completed the plan and their input is ready to go to the Comp Plan Task Force.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Jason mentioned that he will do bi-annual reports on the programs. The revenues are slow getting into the reporting program so the monthly reports don’t show the most current numbers. Permits for the park were discussed, especially races. Jason wants permits submitted at least 6 months in advance. Fees were discussed. Jason will provide the number of walks/races with over 500 attendees that were held this year.
2. The Entrepreneurial Academy was a huge success. Jason thanked PJ for coming to the Entrepreneurial Academy. The students loved the presentation he gave about his life.
3. Next program is NFL – Punt, Pass & Kick for boys and girls 6 – 15. East High School football team will be assisting. Winners here will go to the sectionals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business PJ move to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary