

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

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman PJ Viloski at 7:10 pm. Commission members present were:

Anne Marie Fletcher-Moore
Joseph Zulli
John Jamgochian
Heidi Karpa arrived late

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PJ led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. PJ noted that the minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Collette Extended Trip Proposal – Jason explained the proposal to offer extended trips (7-14 days) in the U.S. and the world through the Collette travel service. The township would get a 10% of the final trip cost. These trips appeal mainly to people 55+. The township would schedule a trip 6 months in advance. At 7:45 the Commission had a conference call with Bruce Smith, Collette rep for our area. He mentioned that Collette has been in business for many years. They have expert guides who meet the groups at the airport. Joe asked for an example of a trip. Bruce commented that a good destination is the Western U.S. to the national parks. Accommodations are in 4 star or better facilities. They also have National Park Family tours – children have to be over 14 years old. They take about 44 people on a bus. They would still go on the tour even if only 4 came from East Goshen because they have people from all over the US that will fill the bus. When a tour is selected, Bruce would come and make a presentation and provide flyers about the trip. The Commission agreed to pursue this.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Comprehensive Plan – Joe reported that the Comp Plan was to be updated but the BOS want to rewrite it. The BOS has hired a new consultant and hope to start meetings in January 2015.
2. Open Space Plan – Jason feels that when the Open Space Plan is complete, a Master Plan for East Goshen Park should be done. The Commission members will read the open space plan for the next meeting.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Harvest Festival – This event was held on Saturday Oct. 18 from 10am – 1 pm. PJ mentioned that the event was awesome. There were events for kids and adults.
2. Tennis Courts – Jason reported that the 2 courts in the back (5 & 6) were not used this season. \$30,000 is available for repairs. The Commission agrees that the soft court surface should be removed. Jason will prepare a survey to include in the Newsletter. Joe doesn't feel a survey will give a good result. However, PJ feels it is a good option, which gives all residents information and the opportunity to respond.
3. Spray Park – Jason is looking into this. It could be installed near the tennis courts. There are some grants. The concern is there may be too much noise.
4. Tot Lot – It needs lots of maintenance.
5. Tree Lighting – Friday, December 12, 2014, 5 to 6 pm. Jason mentioned there will be a 14 foot, bulb tree that will be planted in the park. Also there will be music, Carmen will be Santa and the event will be held in the parking lot.

6. Jason reported that program hours doubled this year.
7. Neighbor-to-neighbor day, November 15. Jason has 25 volunteers but only 1 house to help so far.
8. Jason is planning to start marketing the Summer Program in February 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary