# EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP Park & Recreation Commission Meeting December 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman PJ Viloski at 7:05 pm. Commission members present were:

Anne Marie Fletcher-Moore

John Jamgochian

Betsy Williams

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

Erich Meyer, Conservancy Board

Russ & Mary Ellen Miller, residents of Marydell Farm

### **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

John Jamgochian 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 approval of the minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting will be tabled until the January 2015 meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Jason mentioned that, although the Township comprehensive plan may be about 12-15 months away, the open space plans for the parks are on track.
- 2. The P &R goal for 2015 is the Master Plan for the park along with addressing all possible repairs that may be required by ADA including any repairs needed at the tennis courts.
- 3. The YMCA has applied for a permit to host a Healthy Kids Day at our park in April 2015.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Tennis Court Updates - Betsy addressed her concerns about the tennis courts needing repairs and that those repairs along with fences and the key situation is more of a detriment to the resident tennis players and leagues.

Russ & Mary Ellen Miller of Marydell Farm who are regular tennis players attended the meeting and handed out an action plan for the underutilized tennis courts here at East Goshen Park. Russ & Mary Ellen feel that the township should start to make the minimum repairs initially, in order to start bringing back players and then build from there. The Millers feel that the current fences surrounding the tennis courts along with the current key situation are more of a detriment today. Their thought is to get rid of the key but, still keep the fees. Ann Marie feels we need the fences because of the past problems with vandalism. Russ Miller feels that the vandalism was in the past and the cause of the vandalism are 10+ years old and may not be a concern today. He suggested we may want to explore this. In fact today, other surrounding townships with tennis courts do not seem to have problems with vandalism. Betsy agrees and feels come April, we should have a trial with no keys needed and suggest that the park do away with soft courts all together. Jason designed a survey that will be going out for all residents to take regarding "What's the best use of the tennis court area at East Goshen?" The survey will go out January and February of this coming year and results will be discussed soon after. This will give the township a good census on what the residents want. Based on those results, the P&R will be able to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and start implementing the 2015 Master Plan for the Parks along with needed repairs.

2. Collette Vacations is offering to provide the township residents a vacation option for a trip that limits the amount of residents interested on a first-come, first-served basis. Collette Vacations is a travel agency with 1st class accommodations. The BOS suggested that the township should request a proposal (RFP) to see what other reputable, high-end travel agency would provide our residents with better accommodations and pricing before any decisions are made. Jason will look into that request.

#### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

This was John's last meeting with the PRC.

## **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,

John Jamgochian