

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
January 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidi Karpa at 7:00 pm. Commission members present were:

Anne Marie Fletcher-Moore
PJ Viloski
Betsy Williams
Joe Zulli

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Carmen Battavio, Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heidi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Heidi noted that the minutes of the November 6, 2014 and December 4, 2014 were approved.

REORGANIZATION

1. PJ nominated Joe Zulli for Chairman for 2015. Heidi seconded the nomination. Nomination passed unanimously.
2. PJ nominated Betsy as Vice Chairman for 2015. Joe seconded the nomination. Nomination passed unanimously.
3. Joe nominated Ann Marie as Secretary for 2015. PJ seconded the nomination. Nomination passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jason introduced Bray Lebrocq, resident, who interviewed to be appointed to the PRC. Bray lives in Hershey's Mill and worked for Sun Oil and IBM.

1. Jason introduced Greg Bossi, who has been involved with Ice Line Hockey since 1998 and now has 31 teams. He is requesting permission to use the basketball courts in February & March for deck and street hockey. He has portable boards and crystal glass to use on the court. This is for boys and girls ages 10-13. There will be 10 practices and 10 games on weekends. He has applied for insurance. Jason feels it will be ok to let them use the courts for this season only, on weekends, during the day.

Carmen feels the Park Commission, on recommendation from Jason could do this as a limited program. Also there should be a discount for East Goshen residents of \$10. Joe made a motion to pursue this as a limited program on weekends during the day with proper insurance. Heidi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Newsletter – Ann Marie suggested that, instead of asking for a volunteer, each Commission member takes a turn at writing an article. Joe feels a topic should be selected then someone will write about it. Jason volunteered to work with whoever is writing the article. Ann Marie volunteered to write the next article.

2. Goals for 2015 – At the annual meeting this Saturday January 10, 2015, Joe will speak about the goals and Jason will give the accomplishments for 2014. Short-term goals for 2015 – Tennis courts, Recreation Strategic Plan, Farmers Market and 10 special events. Long term goals – Master Plan, seek grants for park improvements.

3. Farmers Market - Jason would like to create a subcommittee of volunteers who would hand out flyers and do a survey of the people coming to the market. Carmen feels an average of 300 people/week would purchase enough to keep the vendors. Jason mentioned that the market is revenue producing.

4. RFP – The Commission reviewed the RFP for a destination trip. It is on the website and in the Daily Local News. The Commission approved Jason to continue with the RFP process.
5. Tennis Court Updates - Jason reported that the survey only got 26 responses. Betsy feels the courts that need repair should be converted to a hard surface, and stop charging for keys. Pickle Ball was mentioned on a survey as an alternate use. Mr. Lebrocq mentioned that Hershey's Mill converted some tennis courts to Pickle Ball courts.
6. Trail Study – The RFP for a study of a trail along Paoli Pike will be public in a few weeks with the study due in November.
7. The following is a list of the events scheduled so far for 2015:
 - a. Color 5K Run – June 27, 875 people, it will take place at Veterans Pavilion
 - b. YMCA Healthy Kids Day – April 25
 - c. National Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk – May 2
 - d. Egg Hunt – April 11
 - e. Community Day – June 27
 - f. Harvest Festival – October 17
 - g. Tree Lighting – December 11
8. Friends of East Goshen will attend the February meeting to present how much money they have for events.
9. GoWilma! Program – In 2014 East Goshen had 73 families/150 participants in this program. It runs from June to August and cost \$500. In 2015 it will cost \$1,000. After further discussion the Commission approved participation in 2015.
10. Get Outdoors PA! – Jason explained that the kids will learn what to do outdoors; i.e. build a shelter. It will be held on June 17.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business PJ moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary