

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
March 10, 2015**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the Township Building. The date was changed due to inclement weather on Thursday March 5th. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Zulli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Betsy Williams
PJ Viloski
Christine Taraborelli

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review and approval of the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Boy Scouts – Jason reported that Troop 21 in East Goshen has requested a space at the township building on May 2 at the township yard sale. They also want to sell pretzels along with their yard sale items. PJ moved to approve the request for Boy Scout Troop 21. Betsy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Collette Travel – Jason reported that a tour of the National Parks in October has been selected as the first trip being made available to township residents. Bruce, the regional representative, will be here on April 6 at 7:00 pm to make a presentation of this 12 day trip.
3. Special Events – Jason introduced Joy Crozier, an East Goshen resident, who has requested use of the entire East Goshen Park on October 10, 2015 for FSFOT's (For Sale Free or Trade) Fall Festival. Joy explained she started a facebook page for Chester County residents to sell items. This will be the 5th Fall Festival. Parking was a problem at the previous venues. There will be 120-150 local vendors. Some are non-profits. It will be open to the public from 10 am to 3 pm. She gets volunteers from the Goshen Fire Co who help set up and clean up. The police will handle the traffic and parking which will be in Applebrook Park. There will be a food drive so some people will be dropping off canned goods, etc. for that. They have the festival rain or shine. Last year it rained and they still had a good turnout. She will provide insurance and the vendor providing the moon bounce will have his own insurance. Joe thanked her for coming. The Commission will review her request and get back to her.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Day - Joe announced that, because of a lack of funding from the Friends, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to cancel Community Day this year. Everyone is extremely disappointed. Joe and Betsy will attend the next BOS meeting.
2. Butterfly Garden – Jason reported that the BOS reviewed this proposal and are in favor of it. However, there is concern about the location. Chris suggested putting it next to the Veterans Pavilion. Jason sent an email to the club and they will take a look at that area. Joe moved to recommend to the BOS that they approve the Butterfly Garden in a location selected by the Garden Club. Betsy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Tennis Courts – Jason, Betsy and Chris met with 2 representatives of the USTA to discuss the tennis courts. The USTA has a grant available that pays 50% up to \$20,000 for renovations. They want venues available to promote tennis. The process takes 5-6 months. This is on the BOS meeting agenda for next Tuesday March 17. Joe, Betsy, Chris and Jason will attend. Jason prepared an Expense and Revenue report.

4. Open Space Plan – Joe received the latest draft and will forward it to the Commission members for review. He encouraged them to read it and give him their comments.
5. Comprehensive Plan – He asked the Commission members to consider being the representative on this Task Force which has been restructured with a new consultant.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Dept. of Recreation Strategic Plan - Jason gave the timeline for the plan. He will present the 1st draft to the Commission in October and the final to the BOS in December. It will contain goals and objectives for the next 5 years. It will contain a Park Maintenance Plan which will list the processes involved in maintaining the parks. It will outline the various programs that the department provides and department structure.
2. Egg Hunt – This will be held on Saturday April 4th. There will be no limit on the number of eggs the kids can pick up. He found a company that will fill and wrap the eggs. He ordered 7,000. The Easter Bunny will come in the fire engine. There will still be age groups. However, he wants to have something for the adults too. He is asking adults who participated 20 years ago to send him photos. He needs volunteers to put out the eggs and do face painting.
3. Free Library – It is being built this week. The United Way will be at the Egg Hunt to present the Free Library.
4. Farmers Market – The market will start on Thursday May 14, 2015. Vendors are signing up. Jason has diversified entertainment lined up for this year, 20 groups so far. He met with the President of Paoli Hospital. They are upset about Community Day being cancelled. However, they will come to the market to do free screenings. Jason presented an outline for the Marketing and Public Outreach subcommittee he wants to start. The targeted volunteers will be undergraduate marketing majors and high school students.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary