

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
April 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Zulli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Betsy Williams
PJ Viloski
Christine Taraborelli
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Ed Coyle

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Andy Grant, West Goshen Resident
Joy Crozier, East Goshen Resident

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. Joe noted that the minutes of the February 5 and March 10, 2015 meetings were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Paoli Pike Trail - Joe reported that the BOS hired McMahon Transportation Engineers & Planners to do a feasibility study for this trail. The trail will go along Paoli Pike from Ellis Lane to Line Road. A Steering Committee is being formed. Jason and Mark Gordon will be on it, plus 1 member from the Planning Commission and 1 from Park & Rec. Janet Emanuel will be the Chairperson and the meetings will be held during the day. Joe will be the primary and Betsy will be the alternate.
2. 2016 Budget - Jason mentioned that the BOS will start looking at 2016 budget requests in May. He feels that renovation of the Tot Lot and Amphitheater should be on the list. Also, the Master Plan for the park, which is the vision for the next 20 years should be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tennis Courts – Jason, Joe, Betsy and Chris attended the Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the tennis courts. The BOS realize this is an asset that is not being used. They voted yes to repair the back courts, but encouraged investigation into possible grants to help with the expense. Jason reported that the USTA has a grant. They must include photos of the courts and a scope of the project. Mark Miller is preparing a list. This will all be sent to the USTA and, if it complies, the USTA will send a grant application. This is a 6 month process. Jason mentioned that the amount of the grant is up to \$10,000, however, they require another set of lines on the courts which will cost an additional \$4,000. Jason expects to have the information to the USTA in the next 2 weeks. A “No Key” policy will have to be approved by the BOS. Ann Marie mentioned that the reason the courts were locked was because people were skateboarding and roller skating on them, which damaged the surface. Jason mentioned that there is a tennis group that has a permit for the courts from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Monday-Friday. Joe made a motion that pending resurfacing of the back courts, the courts will be open to keyless usage to begin April 15 and end July 31. An evaluation will be done at the August meeting. If it is successful a petition will go to the BOS for a keyless policy. If not, they will go back to keys. Betsy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Butterfly Garden – The BOS approved this project. Mark will start preparation of the area in mid-April. Jason applied for a grant which will come in September.
3. Newsletter – The Butterfly Garden and Tennis Courts should be the focus of the next article. It is due May 1st. Ann Marie and Betsy will work together on this.

4. Comprehensive Plan – Chris volunteered to be the lead on this project. Ann Marie will be the alternate.
5. Community Day – At the BOS meeting, Joe voiced disappointment and presented an alternative of a band and fireworks only. The BOS will make their decision at the April 7th meeting.
Jason introduced Andy Grant who is a West Goshen resident and works with Celebration Fireworks. Andy mentioned that they do an all electric show, which is safer. He wants to help and feels he can put on a show using Celebration for no cost.
6. FSFOT Harvest Festival - 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. She anticipates about 2,000 people. Parking will be in Applebrook. She gives free food vouchers to the residents who live around the park. The Vendors give her items to use in the silent auction that she holds online the Monday after an event. The money raised is donated locally. Ann Marie voiced concern about the impact on the park. PJ feels it is well organized and she has good endorsements. PJ made a motion to approve and move forward with her request. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ed mentioned that the Great Valley Little League has their Fall Ball Festival in East Goshen Park. Jason commented that it is not scheduled yet.
7. Collette Travel – Jason commented that 3 people have signed up for the trip. The rep from Collette will be here next Monday April 6 at 7:00 pm.
8. Free Little Library – It has been installed. This was provided through the United Way. Employees of Seamens built it. It will be introduced at the Egg Hunt.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Egg Hunt – This will be held this Saturday April 4th. Come after 8:30 am. It starts at 10:00 am rain or shine. The 7000 eggs arrived. They were made by a company that hires people with special needs.
2. Applebrook Park - Rick Smith has received calls about installing a porta-pottie in Applebrook Park for the summer. After a short discussion a vote was taken with 4 nos and 1 undecided.
3. YMCA – They are holding a Healthy Kids Day in East Goshen Park on April 26. They are requesting permission to set up tree climbing using Dan Wright Tree Landscaping. Jason had photos showing what it would be like. The vote was a unanimous no.
4. Volleyball Courts - Jason received a call from TEVA in Malvern about an end of the year project to restore the volleyball courts – 1 sand and 1 grass.
5. Go Wilma – Last year the fee was \$500. This year it is \$800 based on the number of participants last year. We will probably not participate next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary