

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
May 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Betsy Williams at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Christine Taraborelli
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Ed Coyle

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Betsy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Betsy noted that the minutes of the April 2, 2015 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Boy Scouts Event in the Park – Clayton Burton, from the Boy Scouts of America, was present. They have used the park in the past for their Scout Fitness Fest. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 20. There are 2 runs and other fitness activities. It is open to everyone, male & female, age 5 to ?. Last year they had about 300 people. A service organization from WCU helps them. Some of the scouts are working for merit badges. Jason mentioned that they will move to the Veterans Pavilion this year because they use a PA system. He will notify WEGO and the neighbors around the park because they use part of a back street for the 3 mile run. The Commission members voted to approve this request.
2. Scout Project – Andrew Moore of Troop 93 gave a presentation to build benches and stumps to put in the new butterfly garden. He is working with Mark Miller. There will be 2 benches and 5 stumps. They may add a welcome sign at the entrance of the garden. Jason mentioned that there is \$50 – 100 in the budget that could cover some expenses if needed. The Commission members voted to approve this request.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tennis Courts – Jason reported that the process for the grant would take too long for not a lot of money. The Commission members agreed to go forward with the project, without the grant. Roller hockey on the tennis courts was discussed. Concerns are the wear & tear on the courts even if they put down boards, too close to the Tot Lot, noise, if they have actual games there, where would the people sit to watch. Betsy recommends a more remote area for this. Jason will include the basketball courts as an option in his memo to the BOS. A vote was tabled.
2. Community Day – June 27 and it will start at 5:00 pm this year. There will be a band, helicopter, inflatables, lite ups for sale, etc. The raindate is Sunday June 28. Volunteers are needed. Jason will send an email to those who helped last year. There will be food trucks instead of 1 food vendor.
3. Color Run – will be held in the am on Saturday June 27 (color in the morning and color in the evening).
4. Collette Travel – Jason reported that 9 people have signed up for this trip so far. The revenue to the township will be about \$3400.
5. Butterfly Garden – Mark Miller had the area tilled yesterday. The weekend of May 15 the planting will be done. The plants will be in bloom in mid-September which is when we should hear about the grant.
6. Open Space and Rec Plan – Draft #7 is done. A Master Plan needs to be done for the park and Tot Lot improvements. The draft will go to the BOS for review, then CCPC and finally will become part of the Comp Plan. The park plan process will take about 2 years with meetings for input from the residents.
7. Newsletter – Jason thanked Anne Marie and Betsy for putting an article together.
8. Egg Hunt – went very well. There were plenty of eggs for the children.

9. Volleyball Courts – were refurbished by Public Works Department.
10. Amphitheater - It is starting to look nice but still needs some structural improvements.
11. The Farmers Market opens next Thursday May 14th!!!! There will be 30 vendors, band, face painting, inflatable, and more.
12. 2015 Pumpkin Fest – Jason is planning to have an adult flag football game. Cost will be \$100 per team and proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project.
13. Events – Jason reviewed the events held or planned for the park. So far 6 special events are approved.
14. Jason mentioned that Heidi is unable to attend the meetings and will be resigning from the Commission.
15. The letter from Janet Emanuel was acknowledged. Next meeting for the Comp Plan is June 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary