

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
June 4, 2015**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Zulli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Christine Taraborelli
Ed Coyle
Betsy Williams
PJ Viloski

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation (by phone)
Rachel Kelly, Intern

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 May 7, 2015 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. American Cancer Society; Bark for Life, Sunday October 25– Heather Graham, representative for this event, mentioned that they expect 125-150 people & about 50 dogs and some K9 companions. It will be from 11:00 am to 2:00pm, it is a 1 mile walk with dogs and she is the volunteer chairman. This is their 5th year. It will be held at the Veterans' Pavilion and they will have a DJ. Some of the dogs come dressed in Halloween costumes.

2. Bryn Mawr Rehab/Brain Injury Assoc., 5K, Saturday October 3- This will be held from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Last year there were about 170 people. Past patients may participate. Funds raised go to brain injury research. They have done this for several years in East Goshen Park.

Joe moved to approve both events as presented. Betsy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason verified the events in October as 10/3 Bryn Mawr; 10/11 Fall Festival; 10/18 East Goshen Pumpkin Festival; and 10/25 Bark for Life.

3. Budget Meeting – Jason attended the BOS annual budget meeting last week.

a. They want the Tot Lot improvements to start next year. They gave permission for the East Goshen Park Master Plan. Jason will form a Playground Committee with a tentative kickoff meeting in mid-July. They have to decide what is functional and can be retained. The Tot Lot plan should be done by Dec. 2015. He will apply for a DCNR grant in April 2016. There are two options: (1) do the renovation in one phase; or (2) do it in 3 phases over several years. The parks that Betsy visited all had themes so, the committee will consider a theme for the playground.

b. The Park Master Plan should include the trail coming along Paoli Pike. Jason will put out RFP for bids. The Plan will focus on park specific improvement recommendations and include a destination playground element.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Joe mentioned that Heidi Karpa has officially resigned from the Commission. Joe acknowledged her contribution while on the PRC especially all the work she did to keep the Farmers Market going. The BOS has appointed Daria Chapman as the new member of the Commission. Jason mentioned that Daria has volunteered at several East Goshen events and her husband fronts our Farmers Market house band.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tennis Courts – Jason reported that Public Works can't do this work until September. Right now the courts are open without a fee. Jason has seen people there between 3-5 pm and Betsy's group uses the courts on Tuesday nights.
2. Community Day – It is on schedule for June 27 starting at 5:00 pm this year. There will be a band, helicopter, inflatables, 6-7 food trucks, etc. The raindate is Sunday June 28. Volunteers are still needed. Jason gave everyone copies of the flyer and asked them to distribute them.
3. Color Run – will be held in the am on Saturday June 27.
4. Butterfly Garden – On May 15 and over Memorial Day weekend the garden was installed. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in September. Also in September, we will find out if we got a PECO grant. The Boy Scout seating project has started.
5. Open Space and Rec Plan – Joe just received the Final Draft. There will be a public meeting in July. After the BOS approves it, it will become an appendix in the Comp Plan.
6. Comp Plan – Chris reported that there will be a meeting for ABC members on June 10 and a meeting for the Public on June 11.
7. Paoli Pike Trail – Joe will be the primary for this committee and Betsy will be the alternate. McMahon Co. made a conceptual presentation. There will be a meeting for property owners on June 9 and for the public on June 16.
8. Summer Camp – Jason reported that the full day camp has the most interest. Next year he will probably go to all 5 weeks at full day.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Betsy mentioned that the sign near the tennis courts is cloudy and can't be read. Jason will tell Mark Miller.
2. PJ asked if soccer is being played. Jason commented that the fields are being used for soccer only for younger kids – no leagues. They are also being used for football and lacrosse.

ADJOURNMENT

There will not be a meeting in July.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary