

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
November 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, November 5, 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
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Betsy Williams
PJ Viloski
Daria Chapman
Ed Coyle

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. Joe noted that the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Joe enjoyed the Pumpkin Festival and felt it was a success. Lots of people were participating in the events and enjoying the food. Everyone agreed and felt there should be another food vendor next year.
2. Joe announced that PJ has resigned effective 12/31/15 because of schedule conflicts. He thanked PJ for his service to the Commission and the community especially for starting the Volunteer Brigade.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2016 Goals – The goals assigned by the Board of Supervisors, regarding sidewalks to connect developments to the Paoli Pike Trail, were reviewed. Jason explained how the trail is broken into segments. He is preparing grant applications for segments C, D, & E, which goes from Reservoir Road to Rt. 352. Everyone agreed that the Park Master Plan and Playground projects should be included for the annual ABC meeting.
2. Dedicated Park Benches – Several members feel there are too many of the Dedicated Park Benches and they are too close together. They need to be more uniform in their style and etching. A small plaque should be used instead of the etching. The Commission members all agreed that every bench must come to the Commission for approval. Joe feels this should be included in the Master Plan for the park.
3. Yard Sales - West Goshen has never done a township yard sale. They approached Jason about having one in West Goshen the same days that East Goshen has one. Everyone agreed to do this in May 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

1. East Goshen Park Master Plan & Destination Playground – Jason and Chris have visited playgrounds in Philadelphia and Chester County. They met with some of the playground designers. Jason had pictures of the different types of equipment from several manufactures. He took these displays to East Goshen Elementary School and the Friends School so the students could vote for the things they liked. The Wilderness theme is the most popular. Jason showed pictures of the area playgrounds along with the photos Betsy provided. Jason had samples of floorings and surfaces. Everyone discussed the potential placement of equipment in the park. Jason will meet with Mark Miller to work on a maintenance plan for the Park. Jason submitted an application for a grant for the playground and should hear something in the next few weeks.

2. Paoli Pike Trail – The estimated cost for the trail is \$7.4 million. Jason has started working on grants to get \$5 million. If we receive the grants in 2016, construction can start in 2018 after all of the engineering is done.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Neighbor-to-neighbor Day – Jason still needs volunteers for this event.

2. Holiday Tree Lighting – “Stuff Jason’s Office” food drive has started. The person donating the most will light the tree. The House Decorating Contest will be held again this year. Carmen will be Santa again this year. The Tree Lighting event is on Friday, December 11, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary