

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**December 3, 2015**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Zulli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore  
Betsy Williams  
PJ Viloski  
Daria Chapman  
Ed Coyle

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation  
Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor

**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 November 5, 2015 meeting were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1. Joe thanked Jason for all of his efforts over the past 2 years. He raised the level of the programs and everyone is very pleased.
2. Joe acknowledged that this is PJ's last meeting. He thanked him for all he did for the Commission and the community, especially with recruiting volunteers for the Volunteer Brigade.
3. Joe commented that he has completed 1 year as Chairman of the Commission. He asked for comments and suggestions from the Commission members. Results were:
  - a. A member of the Public Works Department should be invited to a meeting in the Spring and Fall to discuss projects in the parks.
  - b. Proposals should take 3 meetings – 1 for the Commission members to review the proposal and determine if they need to see it; 2 – for the presentation; and 3 for the Commission to make a decision.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Highway Cleanup – Jason explained that Kathryn Yahraes contacted him about highway cleanup along Rt. 352 from Paoli Pike to Manley Road. The Historical Commission used to do this but can't any longer. It requires cleanup 2 times a year, can be in the spring with Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day and in the fall maybe with the Neighbor to Neighbor Day. Joe feels Jason should discuss this with Rick Smith.
2. Applebrook Trails – Resident Gary Kerschner, 909 Saratoga Drive, gave out copies of his "Walking, Bike & Multi-use Trails" report. He has walked the trails in East Goshen Parks for many years. He also visited 4 other trails – Ridley Creek State Park, R.G. Struble Hike-Bike Trail, Stroud Preserve and the Chester Valley Trail at Exton. The number of cyclists on the trail has increased and he feels they are creating situations for walkers on East Goshen's paved trails. He had measurements of all of the trails and photos of the signs used along the other 4 trails. He feels things would improve if the East Goshen trails were all 12 feet wide and signage was installed. Joe mentioned that he is an avid cyclist and thanked Gary for the information.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. 2016 Goals – Jason reviewed the content for the report for the January ABC meeting. He will start with 2015 accomplishments and then go into the 2016 goals.
2. Park Master Plan - Jason reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> rough draft was presented to the Board of Supervisors who asked what is planned for teenagers. Joe commented that teens are usually focused on events at their schools. PJ suggested polling people at the events, i.e. tree lighting next Friday.
3. Tennis Courts – Jason proposed to keep the lock off the tennis courts for all of 2016. The BOS tabled it. Betsy mentioned that the front courts have some cracks that need to be filled.

**RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

1. 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 at 6:00 pm.

**ANY OTHER MATTER**

1. PJ appreciated the opportunity and enjoyed the years he served on the Commission.

**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