

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting  
February 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Zulli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Betsy Williams  
Daria Porreca  
Ed Coyle  
Christine Taraborelli  
Peter Knupp  
Debbie Snyder

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 December 3, 2015 and January 7, 2016 meetings were approved as amended.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. COBI Permit – Katie McKenzie and Eli DeHope representatives for the Council on Brain Injury (COBI) were present. Katie explained that this is their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual “Tribute Trek”. It is a 1 mile fun walk so people with injuries can participate and there will be less than 100 people. They will set up in the Veterans Pavilion. They are requesting Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9am to 1pm. East Goshen Park is closer than their previous venue. The Commission later discussed and approved this permit. It will not count toward a big event.

2. Park Definitions – The definitions for Active and Passive parks was discussed so the new Commission members understand the difference. This will be discussed at a later time in connection with the Paoli Pike Trail.

3. Goshen Friends School will hold their 5 K race event in East Goshen Park.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Park Master Plan Update – Jason distributed copies of the updated Park Master Plan. He pointed out that this plan is for East Goshen Park so all references to Applebrook Park were removed. Jason met with a representative of DCNR, a State grant program. He liked the surface material being used; the use of recycled/green materials; the labyrinth and imagination station; and we had the best public input he has seen in this grant round. He suggested we apply for a \$300,000 grant which is half of the total cost. The Commission discussed the immediate, mid-term, and long-term items. Carmen suggested moving the Picnic Grove from long-term to mid-term. Christine suggested instead of building a look out platform, just have some benches there for people to sit and look at the beautiful view. The Serpentine rock item will be moved to long-term. The timeframe for the goals will be – Immediate 1-3 years; mid-term 3-5 years; and long-term 5-10 years. The perimeter trail will be changed to 6 ft. Jason presented the correct costs with a total of \$616,975. Maintenance on this new playground is estimated at 4-8 hours per week from June to August. Jason will get these changes made. The presentation to the Board of Supervisors is Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

2. Newsletter Article – Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore wrote the article for the spring newsletter.

## **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

### 1. Upcoming Events –

a. Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26, 2016 – Jason made a picture for the children to color and submit for the contest. He asked Commission members to volunteer to review and select the winner. He ordered 10,000 eggs.

b. August 27, 2016 was approved for Community Day. Jason will have 8 food trucks and will find a substitute for laser tag.

2. FOEG – Jason attended the last 2 meetings of the Friends of East Goshen. They are designing a website with an online donation collection system.

3. Online Summer Camp Registration System – The system is being designed by AMS (the current company the Township uses). It is expected to be ready by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If the fee for summer camp is increased \$5.00 per week, it will pay for this new system which will make registration so much better. The Commission agreed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary