

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
April 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, April 7, 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
Christine Taraborelli
Peter Knupp
Debbie Snyder
Barbara Jacobs
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor
Jon Altshul, Township CFO

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 March 3, 2016 meeting were approved and he thanked Debbie for taking the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Park Permit - Jason introduced Bob Kelly, Fox 29 Traffic Reporter. Bob explained that he lives in Malvern and years ago his wife called him at work because their infant son was having trouble breathing. CHOP couldn't see them until the next day, but they were told about Nemours/Alfred I. DuPont Children's Hospital in Wilmington, which is a short ride down Rt. 202, so they went there. Since then it has been his goal to inform people about the hospital and raise funds for the hospital. The hospital is now part of Main Line Health so there are local facilities to go to.

He is requesting October 1, 2016 (rain date Oct 2) from 6am to 2 pm with activities from 10 am to 12. Noah Galloway (Dancing With the Stars) will be the Emcee. Cody Asche, 3rd baseman for the Phillies, will be there. There will be activities for the kids and a Fun Run along with the 5K.

The Commission members discussed this application later in the meeting and approved the request.

2. Letters of support for upcoming grant applications were distributed by Jason for the Commission to review. We will be applying for grants for the playground renovation from DCNR & DCED and Paoli Pike Trail from DCNR & CMAQ. Joe signed the letters.

3. EGT Recreational Survey - Jon Altshul was asked by the Board of Supervisors to develop a survey to measure the interest of township residents in new recreation programming. He distributed copies of the survey that he and Jason put together. He plans to randomly select 833 township residential addresses, including detached homes, townhouses/condos and apartments. Assuming a response of 60%, this should generate 500 surveys. The survey is asking what new recreational programs residents would be interested in. The commission members reviewed the survey with him. They suggested putting a range of the cost of a program rather than asking how much a person would be willing to pay. They also voiced concern about the cost of the survey. Jon will compose a memo to the BOS and will tell them of the Commission's reservations. He also asked the members to give him suggestions for new programs in the next few weeks.

4. Park Permit - Jason introduced Amanda and Brian from DepuySynthes, 1303 Goshen Parkway. They are requesting use of the park for their employees and contractors on Friday May 6, 2016 from 10:00 am to 5:00pm. It is for their Wellness Fair and funds go to the Arthritis Foundation. This is their 3rd year. They had it at West Goshen Park and expect 300-400 participants. They distributed a packet outlining the schedule of events and 5K

course. Joe noticed that they show the 5K course in Applebrook Park. He explained that Applebrook Park is a passive park and no events are permitted there. They will have to plan to hold their event in East Goshen Park. They will reconfigure the course for East Goshen Park. They will have a DJ and light snacks and water for the participants. Jason commented that they will be at the Veterans Pavilion. The Commission discussed this application later in the meeting and approved the request.

5. EGT Park Master Plan – Capital Improvements – Jason commented that there will be a capital improvement meeting in May.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Paoli Pike Trail Update – Jason announced that the Township was awarded a TAP grant, which is federal money, in the amount of \$1 million. The Township match is \$670,000. This is for Reservoir Rd to Boot Road. They are waiting to hear about another grant. The funds have to be allocated within 3 years.

2. Egg Hunt Review – Jason feels there were about 3,000 people at the event this year which is 2,000 more than in the past and was unexpected. This caused traffic/parking problems so the Easter Bunny was late. Also, 1 box of 1,000 eggs had no candy in them. Next year the East Bunny will be there in a booth when people arrive. He will use the police and the fire company to control traffic and parking.

3. Field of Honor Update – Jason reported that the BOS like the idea of having this as part of the Bi-Centennial celebration next year. They want a list of the charities that the Exchange Club sponsors.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events –

- a. Baltimore Inner Harbor Trip Saturday April 23 and
- b. EGT/WGT Yard Sale Saturday May 7th

Jason asked the Commission members to consider taking the lead on either of these events since his wife may deliver their baby at any time in that time frame.

2. Public Works Report from Mark Miller – The Public Works Department has started to remove invasive species from in front of the tennis courts. The ball fields are ready, they will continue to drag them 3 days a week. The side fences on A field have been replace. The original restrooms were power washed, stalls demolished, flooring removed and new interior lighting has been installed. They have started to put the construction entrance in for the repair work at the tennis courts. The entrance was put on the far side of the courts away from the Tot Lot for safety reasons. The soil testing came back from Penn State. Top Crops will take care of the fields and amphitheater following Penn State recommendations. They had to make repairs to the drainage pipe in Pin Oaks Park. Jason commented that the rest rooms are done and look great.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Jason reviewed with the Commission the wording for the Tennis signs “FOR TENNIS ONLY”.
2. Based on discussion of large events, Joe wants some input from the BOS about the number of large events they should have in a year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary