

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
September 1, 2016**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 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
Ed Coyle
Deborah Snyder
Betsy Williams

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
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. The minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting were approved as amended. The minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Applebrook Park Restrooms – Jon recommended that the Commission send the proposal they have prepared to the Finance Committee by September 20, 2016, which is their next meeting. After their review it can be passed on to the Board of Supervisors for review. Christine will update the presentation and get it to Jon.

2. Survey Results - Jon mentioned that the Board of Supervisors wanted a survey mailed out regarding Recreation Programs. They mailed 833 surveys and received 295 responses, which is 35%. Of the responses, 41% were homeowners and 16% were renters. Of the total, 44% were over 65 years of age. The following programs received 10-15% interested:

- a. Nature camps – all ages
- b. Non-competitive/enrichment programs
- c. Seniors – outdoor exercise programs
- d. Affordable test preparation for high school students

A Food Truck Festival received 50% interest. Trip destinations mentioned were Philadelphia, Lancaster, Annapolis, Atlantic City, & New England.

3. 2017 Budget – Jon reminded the Commission that their budget for 2017 needs to be submitted. He suggested that they include the cost of the Applebrook restroom.

OLD BUSINESS

1. East Goshen Park Safety Issues –

Rails – Christine reported that all of the railings issues have been resolved & she thanked Mark Miller and the Public Works Department.

2. Paoli Pike Trail Update – Jason reported that the Township has received a third grant for \$1.7 million dollars. The engineering plan is starting. They feel construction should start in 2018. They are waiting for 2 more grants.

3. Tennis Courts – Betsy voiced concern about the maintenance of the front courts, which need repairs to cracks which have weeds growing through them. She is concerned that someone may fall. Jason commented that the funds allocated for the back courts were used up because there was no foundation to hold them properly. Another request for additional funds is needed to top them, about \$50,000.

4. Tennis Courts Usage – Currently there is no fee to play on the tennis courts. Cameras were installed to determine the usage. They showed that there is daily use of the courts and from 6 – 8 pm some times there were people waiting to use the courts.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Community Day – Jason reviewed the successful Community Day. About 3,000 people attended. The Commission members agreed that the food trucks, the band, and the Silent Disco were all good. The glow sticks were sold out. Jason reported that the estimated cost of \$35,000 was covered by donations collected by the Friends of East Goshen. He thanked everyone who volunteered.

2. 22 in 22 – Jason mentioned that this is an ongoing event.

3. Building Bridges Program – Jason is bringing this program back. East High School technology students come to teach senior citizens how to use electronic devices. A multi-generational lego camp is being considered.

4. Young Women’s Leadership Meeting – This meeting will be held on Monday November 7, 2016, the night before the election. Jason announced that Carolyn Committa, West Chester Mayor, will be there. This is for young women ages 14-18. There is only room for 75 people to attend.

5. Movie in the Park was held on Friday August 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Several hundred people attended and saw the dance show with Darth Vader before the movie. He thanked Ed for his help.

6. Trip to the Rockies – Jason reported there are 4 residents going.

7. Farmers Market – Jason will evaluate the fee structure for next year.

8. Summer Camp – Attendance was up significantly this year.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

None

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Joe announced that Betsy has moved out of the township and has had to resign her position on the Commission. He thanked her for her years of service to the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary