

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
October 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 6, 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
Ed Coyle
Deborah Snyder
Peter Knupp
Dan Leicht – New member

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Jon Altshul, Township CFO
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. The minutes of the September 1, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Applebrook Park Restroom - Jon reported that he and Rick Smith met with the Finance Committee to discuss restrooms for Applebrook Park. The Finance Committee feels there is no way to get accurate data regarding the need for this. They want to install a portable restroom with a fence around it and a meter on the door which would count the times the restroom was used. The cost for this is about \$4,000. It will be installed next spring and will be there for spring summer and fall. Ed pointed out that a sign should be put on it so people know they can use it. Carmen suggested that members from Park & Rec, Conservancy Board, Historic Commission and Jason should meet at the park to select 2 locations for the BOS to consider for this restroom.

2. Tennis Courts – Jon reported that the 3 front tennis courts are used frequently. Of the \$30,000 in the budget, \$20,000 will be used to resurface the front courts and \$10,000 will be used to finish the back court.

3. Community Day – The budget for this event was \$35,000. The cost will be about \$29,000. The fireworks were about \$9,000.

4. Paoli Pike Trail – Jason encouraged commission members to attend the BOS meeting on October 18. Jon put together a detailed spreadsheet showing all of the improvements to be made in the township over the next 10 years. It shows the grants and when funds will be received and how the township will pay for these improvements.

5. Corridor Committee - Ed attended this meeting on September 12. It will include Paoli Pike from Boot road to Rt. 352 and will work on making connections from the surrounding neighborhoods. The next meeting is October 24 and will be a meeting for the public. Carmen mentioned that the BOS wants to include residents from the neighborhoods on this committee.

6. East Goshen Park Playground – Jason reported that the estimated cost is \$715,000. They applied for 2 grants – 1 for \$300,000 and 1 for \$250,000. They should know by November. In January they will start the process of selecting a planner and equipment company.

7. 2017 Budget – Jason reviewed the proposed budget for 2017 which includes a 3% increase. The commission members approved it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MyREC – Jason explained that the township wanted a way for people to sign up for programs on line. They first used AMS who runs the accounting program for the township. After 6 months they hired MyRec and the program was done in 2 weeks. Residents can sign their family up online and pay for programs online. It also matches events to the proper age groups. People can still mail in or bring in registrations too. Now Jason can enter these registrations so the data will be current. Cost of programs will increase by \$5.00 to pay for this.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Pumpkin Fest - This will be held next Saturday October 15, raindate Sunday October 16. The Goshen Fire Company will direct the traffic. Jason still needs volunteers.

2. Young Women's Leadership meeting will be held on Monday November 7. Jason has 3 speakers. There is room for 75. He has 40 signed up.

3. End of Year Summer Report – Summer Camp - The ½ day camp had a .5% decline. The full day camp had an increase of 36%. Next year Jason plans to expand the full day camp to 5 weeks and 8 am to 5 pm in 2019. The maximum is 30 kids. In 2018 the elementary school will be unavailable due to renovations. Star Wars was a hit! There were 746 participants in fee based summer programs, which generated \$7,500 in net revenue. The total participants in other summer programs was 8,700. He took a photo of a monarch butterfly in the Butterfly Garden this week.

4. Stones – Philly Stones League - This is a course similar to Bocci that the Kinka family has developed. They have a course in New York and in Fairmount Park. Two members live in East Goshen. They use green spaces that aren't normally used. In East Goshen Park a temporary course was set up near the new path to the tennis courts. This is for 30-45 year old residents. November 5 will be a trial event.

5. NRPA Gold Medal Application – Jason explained that this is a national award and Pennsylvania has never received it. East Goshen would be in the under 30,000 population category. He reviewed the lengthy application and asked the Commission members to come with ideas next month. Next spring they will announce the finalists and Jason would like East Goshen to be a finalist.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mark may start on the tennis court this year. Fencing and railings have been delivered. They are getting the park ready for the Pumpkin Fest.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Carmen mentioned that at the BOS meeting the 5 members took a poll of what is a priority – park, trail or dams. He pointed out to them that East Goshen Park has been here a long time and needs to be upgraded. They all agreed that the park is the priority.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary