

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
November 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, November 3, 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
Deborah Snyder
Peter Knupp
Dan Leicht
Kishor Thakarar – New Member

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

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 October 6, 2016 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Joe introduced Kishor Thakarar, new member to the Commission. Kishor has been volunteering at the Township events.

2. Joe reminded everyone that his second year as Chairman ends on 12/31/16. He encouraged them to consider taking the position starting in January 2017. Jason mentioned that everyone should be at the January meeting because he wants to take a picture of the full commission (9 members).

NEW BUSINESS

1. NRPA's "Go Fund Your Park" - This is a national organization that makes it possible for you to put your project online and ask for donations which are tax free. Jason is a member of the state PRPS Committee and they would like to have more of a PA presence. The understanding is that the township will cover any amount not raised by this method. This is an option for smaller projects.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Paoli Pike Trail – Jason reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the Paoli Pike Trail. \$2.89 million in grants for sections C – G has been received for engineering and construction. Engineering will start next week.

2. Dam Committees – Jason is on the Milltown Dam Committee and Kishor is on the Hershey's Mill Dam Committee. The purpose of the committees is to look at possible recreational uses.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Pumpkin Fest - Jason reported that about 2,500 people attended. Carmen Battavio, Kishor and Bob Heubner assisted him with the different events. They collected 18 bags of clothing. Dan is getting these donations to various organizations.

2. The Pollinator Garden has been recognized as a garden of distinction by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Out of 300 entries East Goshen was 1 of 9 to get an award.

3. Stones – Philly Stones League - They have prepared an area in East Goshen Park for their course. It is similar to Bocci. There will be a trial event this Saturday November 5. They will be making a presentation at the next meeting and will give a report on the plants and invasives they found while clearing the area.
4. Young Women’s Leadership Meeting on November 7 will have the following speakers:
 - a. Carolyn Committa – Mayor of West Chester Borough
 - b. Montana Leaks – President of SGA at West Chester University
 - c. Heather Mitts – Olympic Champion
5. Neighbor to Neighbor Day is November 12. There are 4 senior citizens’ yards to do. He has groups from East High School and Phelps School.
6. Holiday Celebrations – The Christmas Tree lighting is Friday December 9 at 6:00 pm in East Goshen Park. The West Chester Community Choir will sing this year. The tree is being donated by a family. There will be the House Decorating contest and “Stuff Jason’s Office” contest.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

No report until next spring.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Jason reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the installation of a temporary port-a-potty in Applebrook next March to October. It will have a meter on it to record the amount of usage. If you have a suggestion for a location please contact Jason.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary