

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
December 1, 2016

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

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 November 3, 2016 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Joe announced that Daria Porreca will not be renewing her term on the Commission but will continue to volunteer.
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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stones League - Guests present were Mike Kinka, John Janick and Eric Tobin. Mike explained that 6 months ago Ryan Kinka met with Jason to explain the Stones League. On November 5, 2016 the Stones members held a more formal event in East Goshen Park. A total of 30 players were there, about 12 were East Goshen residents. Mike explained the game, which is similar to Bocce, and gave everyone a handout. Every course is different depending on the natural terrain of the area they are using. Four different size bocce balls are used. They started the game 10 years ago and 3 years ago they decided to form a non-profit. They have patents on the game. All ages can play. On November 5 they had ages from 12 to 65. There is a rulebook and they do charge a fee to play. The facility would be open to the public and could operate identically to local sport leagues like Great Valley Little League that use East Goshen Township Park facilities. Jason commented that, if the facility is recognized by the Board of Supervisors, then permit fees may apply.

John owns a nursery in Philadelphia and is a member of the Natural Lands Trust. He views this as a way to maintain the natural environment. In East Goshen they had to remove lots of invasives. He mentioned some trees they found are significant native trees. Two hickory trees have to be removed for safety reasons.

Joe thanked them for all they have done so far. Next step is presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Joe made a motion for Jason to proceed with this project. Deb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Friends of East Goshen (FOEG) – Joe & Jason attended the November meeting of the FOEG. They now have links to the website and members who are dedicated to raising funds. FOEG asked for a list of projects with cost estimates, implementation and priority that can be presented to donors. The Commission reviewed the proposed list provided by Jason. Their priority was Basketball Courts, overall programming, signs in the park, gateway to the playground, labyrinth, amphitheater, and Stones.

3. ABC Meeting – The Commission reviewed the goals and accomplishments used for the 2016 meeting. They will finalize the list for 2017 at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Paoli Pike Trail – Jason reported that they will find out next week if they were awarded another grant. Engineering is the first step.
2. Playground Renovation – They received the first grant. The Board of Supervisors has to approve it on January 2, 2017.
3. Dam Committees – The Hershey Mill Dam Committee will have a public meeting on December 5 and the Milltown Dam Committee will have one on December 14, 2016.
4. Tennis Courts – Jason reported that the courts will be blacktopped and taped for Pickle Ball.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. 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.
2. Collette Trip – There were 20 people at the meeting to learn about the trips to Ireland and the Pacific Northwest. Eight people have signed up for the trip to Ireland so far.
3. Jason gave a summary of the meetings and speaking sessions he attended.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

No report until next spring.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary