

Park Commission
Agenda
Thursday, April 6th, 2017
7:00 PM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes from the February 2nd and March 2nd meetings
- E. Chairman's Report

- F. New Business
 - 1. Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Stones Course Sign
 - 2. Serpentine Rock Formations in EGT Park; 2017 Feasibility Study
 - 3. EGT Park Master Plan Status Update

- G. Old Business – Updates
 - 1. Playground Renovation Update
 - 2. Bicentennial Celebration update
 - 3. Review Picnic Grove Recommendation

- H. Recreation Director Report
 - 1. Upcoming events
 - a. Walk with Ease
 - b. Egg Hunt
 - c. Yard Sale/Vikings Play Day
 - d. Farmers Market
 - 2. Maintenance Report
 - a. Tennis Courts
 - b. East Park Entrance Sign

- I. Liaison reports
- J. Any Other Matter
- K. Public Opinion
- L. Adjournment

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
February 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christine Taraborelli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Deborah Snyder
Ed Coyle
Eric Tobin
Peter Knupp
Dan Leicht
Joe Zulli

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Carmen Battavio, Supervisor
Mike Lynch, Supervisor
Erich Meyer, Conservancy Board

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Christine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christine asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops & veterans.

Christine asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. The new Township Supervisor, Mike Lynch, was introduced.
2. High School student, Sam D'Amore, was present and is working for his Eagle Scout.

NEW BUSINESS

Picnic Grove - Jason mentioned that the area behind the baseball fields where there is a gazebo and some tables will be improved along with the playground improvement. \$43,000 has been allocated. The goals for this area are seating for more people, accessibility, 4-person tables, and make it unique. Jason showed a custom table made by a woodworking artist in the shape of a tree. It seats about 60 people and costs \$20,000-25,000. This will not be a permitted area for parties as the pavilions are and there will be no grill. Joe pointed out that the table is not ADA accessible. Carmen suggested making it out of individual tables put together to make the shape of a tree. Christine suggested keeping the current gazebo and place the tables out from it. Start small and add more tables depending on the use of the area. For accessibility Jason mentioned removing the curb and put in a macadam path for wheel chairs and strollers. Jason will create a design for the next meeting. Carmen suggested making a presentation to the BOS so they can give approval for the PRC to go ahead with this project.

2017 Events - The Egg Hunt will be held on April 15, 2017. Jason has purchased 10,000 plastic eggs. Traffic control will be provided by Goshen Fire Co. Police. It was suggested that prizes be coloring books instead of candy. The Bunny will be in the pavilion before the event starts.

OLD BUSINESS

Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan - This is a plan to extend the Paoli Pike trail into the local neighborhoods. Jason reviewed the sections of the plan. There will be 5 meetings now thru November. Ed will continue as the regular member for this committee and Joe will be the alternate.

1 Hershey's Mill & Milltown Dam Committees - Jason reported that each dam has a conceptual plan that may
2 include trails. It should be presented to the BOS the end of March.
3 Bicentennial Celebration – Jason reported that he, Rick Smith and Marty Shane met with the West Goshen
4 representatives. This will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the split into East and West Goshen. The event will be
5 held on Saturday June 3, 2017 at the East Goshen Park. The estimated cost is \$80,000 which will be split between
6 the 2 townships. There will be 1 food truck for every 500 people. Carmen volunteered to run a hoagie stand.
7 There will not be a Community Day this year.
8 Playground Renovation – Jason reported that all of the grant money has been received. He will meet with Tom
9 Comitta and Township engineers. He anticipates the ribbon cutting to be next Spring. He showed a video of the
10 proposed new playground. They have to submit the plan to the DCNR and hope that the DCNR will allow the
11 Township Public Works Department to remove all the old equipment and prepare the area for installation. This
12 may result in a ribbon cutting this Fall.
13 Park Maintenance – They will start on the baseball fields this month. Chris and Jason will take a tour of the park
14 with Mark Miller to determine what needs to be done. The 3 front tennis courts with cracks will be done in June.
15 The back 3 courts will be black topped and 1 court will be for pickle ball. Mark Miller has some of the stone used
16 for the wall at the main entrance and has received permission to use it for a wall at the second entrance to East
17 Goshen Park.
18 Stones League – Jason reported that the BOS approved this sport. February 25th will be maintenance day for the
19 Stones court. Jason will have a group of students from East High School and asked Park Commission members to
20 come help too. Clinics will start in April and the grand opening will be April 29th.
21 Basketball Courts – Joe mentioned that the Commission wants to replace the backboards and install seating at the
22 basketball courts. Jason commented that May 13 is Play Day at the courts. He will make a video to show to the
23 Friends of East Goshen.
24 Farmers' Market – Jason mentioned that this year there will be a fresh fruit vendor at the market.
25 SOPARC – Jason is certified by this organization. We need to quantify how much use there is of the park. He
26 needs volunteers to go to the park and observe usage, age, gender and activity at 4 different times during the day.
27 This will start in April.

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29 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

30 Walk With Ease – Jason received a grant from the NRPA for 3 instructors. This program is for 55 and over
31 residents who will meet 3 times a week at the park. The cost is \$10.00.
32 League of Legends – Jason held a meeting this evening. This is a video game.
33 Senior's Ping Pong – Jason acknowledged Debbie as his Seniors Activities Director. They have a card club for
34 canasta and bridge. They had 13 people come to the first ping pong class so we need to get a second table.
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36 **LIAISON REPORTS**

37 Board of Supervisors - Carmen reported that they approved the playground renovation. They are meeting with
38 Westtown representatives to start discussing the police contracts which are due for renewal next year.
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40 **ADJOURNMENT**

41 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be
42 Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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44 Respectfully submitted,

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47 Ruth Kiefer
48 Recording Secretary

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Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
March 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christine Taraborelli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Deborah Snyder
Ed Coyle
Eric Tobin
Dan Leicht
Joe Zulli
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Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Christine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christine asked for a moment of silence to remember our military, police & veterans.

Christine asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the February 2, 2017 meeting will be approved at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NRPA Gold Medal Award - Jason reviewed the application for this national award. He asked the Commission members to read it and let him know if they have any suggestions. He will submit the application next Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Serpentine Rock – Jason explained that this is a special type of rock formation that is present in East Goshen. He will do a feasibility study.

OLD BUSINESS

New Playground - Jason met with the DCNR. They will allow East Goshen Public Works to do the prep work. Also they approved Costars for buying equipment and installation. This will move up the completion date to sometime this fall. He will have a picture of the proposed layout at the next meeting. He wants to do a survey of playground users before and after the new playground.

Bicentennial Celebration – Jason reported that this is on the West Goshen Supervisors agenda for March 8th. He reviewed the flyer for the event. Bonnie Dean of the West Goshen Historic Commission is helping with the historic events.

Applebrook “Pilot” Restroom – Christine met with Mark Miller to look for a location. They decided on the old driveway between the two paths. Signs will be placed along the path. Christine mentioned that people also want a water fountain. Public works will maintain the “pilot” restroom.

Picnic Grove – Jason provided a sketch of the proposed picnic grove. There will be a path from the parking lot to and around the existing gazebo. There will be about 4 picnic tables on each side of the path, which Public Works can make. The Commission agreed.

Stones League - Jason, Eric, Kishor and a few East High School students worked on the Stones court last Saturday. Eric suggested that the stones be kept in a locked box. Jason mentioned the upcoming events – Hope’s Cup – PA vs NY on March 26; Free Clinics April 1 & 15; West Chester Open – April 29th.

Eagle Scout – Jason met with a Boy Scout and gave him a suggestion for a project – a sign for the Stones League or Bocci Court.

1 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

2 Walk With Ease – Jason received a grant from the NRPA for 3 instructors. This program is for 55 and over
3 residents who will meet 3 times a week at the park. There are 13 participants.

4 Building Bridges – They are meeting every Thursday in March.

5 Senior’s Ping Pong – Jason commented that another ping pong table was donated so they have two now.

6 iSOPARC Research – Jason explained this program that can be used to quantify how much use there is of the
7 different areas in the park. He asked if anyone is interested in doing this to send him an email by next Tuesday
8 March 7.

9 Egg Hunt – This will be held on April 15th. Chris suggested using red flags to indicate the start of the hunt to
10 control the groups.

11 Summer Camp – East Goshen Elementary is being renovated this summer so Summer Camp will be held at Glen
12 Acres Elementary School.

13 The Coloring Contest started on March 1st.

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15 **PARK MAINTENANCE**

16 The Ball fields will open on March 11, 2017.

17 Public Works has started work on the tennis courts.

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19 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

20 Dogs in the Park – Jason received a call from a resident who reported that there are several people who don’t keep
21 their dogs on a leash. The Township ordinance requires a 6 foot leash and clean up after the dog. Jason will
22 investigate possible fees and add it to the signs. He will put an article in the newsletter.

23 Crosswalk – It was reported that a person crossing Paoli Pike in the designated crosswalk was hit by a car today.
24 Fortunately the car was going very slowly. There was discussion about the possibility of having the yellow light
25 turn on automatically when a person crosses. Currently they have to press the button.

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