

**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.

Hershey's Mill & Milltown Dam Committees - Jason reported that each dam has a conceptual plan that may include trails. It should be presented to the BOS the end of March.

Bicentennial Celebration – Jason reported that he, Rick Smith and Marty Shane met with the West Goshen representatives. This will celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the split into East and West Goshen. The event will be held on Saturday June 3, 2017 at the East Goshen Park. The estimated cost is \$80,000 which will be split between the 2 townships. There will be 1 food truck for every 500 people. Carmen volunteered to run a hoagie stand. There will not be a Community Day this year.

Playground Renovation – Jason reported that all of the grant money has been received. He will meet with Tom Comitta and Township engineers. He anticipates the ribbon cutting to be next Spring. He showed a video of the proposed new playground. They have to submit the plan to the DCNR and hope that the DCNR will allow the Township Public Works Department to remove all the old equipment and prepare the area for installation. This may result in a ribbon cutting this Fall.

Park Maintenance – They will start on the baseball fields this month. Chris and Jason will take a tour of the park with Mark Miller to determine what needs to be done. The 3 front tennis courts with cracks will be done in June. The back 3 courts will be black topped and 1 court will be for pickle ball. Mark Miller has some of the stone used for the wall at the main entrance and has received permission to use it for a wall at the second entrance to East Goshen Park.

Stones League – Jason reported that the BOS approved this sport. February 25<sup>th</sup> will be maintenance day for the Stones court. Jason will have a group of students from East High School and asked Park Commission members to come help too. Clinics will start in April and the grand opening will be April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Basketball Courts – Joe mentioned that the Commission wants to replace the backboards and install seating at the basketball courts. Jason commented that May 13 is Play Day at the courts. He will make a video to show to the Friends of East Goshen.

Farmers' Market – Jason mentioned that this year there will be a fresh fruit vendor at the market.

SOPARC – Jason is certified by this organization. We need to quantify how much use there is of the park. He needs volunteers to go to the park and observe usage, age, gender and activity at 4 different times during the day. This will start in April.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Walk With Ease – Jason received a grant from the NRPA for 3 instructors. This program is for 55 and over residents who will meet 3 times a week at the park. The cost is \$10.00.

League of Legends – Jason held a meeting this evening. This is a video game.

Senior's Ping Pong – Jason acknowledged Debbie as his Seniors Activities Director. They have a card club for canasta and bridge. They had 13 people come to the first ping pong class so we need to get a second table.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary