

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
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
Kishor Thakarar

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.

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. There are 13 participants.

Building Bridges – They are meeting every Thursday in March.

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

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

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

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

The Coloring Contest started on March 1st.

PARK MAINTENANCE

The Ball fields will open on March 11, 2017.

Public Works has started work on the tennis courts.

ANY OTHER MATTER

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary