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3 **EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**
4 **Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**
5 **August 3, 2017**

6 The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday,
7 August 3, 2017, at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christine Taraborelli at
8 7:00 pm.

9 Commission members present were:

10 Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
11 Deborah Snyder
12 Dan Leicht
13 Joe Zulli
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15 Others present were:

16 Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor
17 Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
18 Ryan Kinka, Philly Stones League

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20 **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

21 Christine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

23 Christine asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.
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25 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

26 1. The minutes of the June 1, 2017 meeting were approved.
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28 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

29 Christine did not have a Chairman's Report.
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31 **NEW BUSINESS**

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33 Stones - Jason introduced Ryan Kinka, founder of the Philly Stones League. Jason reviewed the current Stones
34 course and outlined potential funding sources and a timeline for a permanent Stones course improvement. Ryan
35 thanked the Commission and Township for its support of the current Stones course, but noted for long term health
36 some improvements would need to be made. He also noted that all tournaments and clinics so far have been sold
37 out. Permanent course improvements would include paver landings at each hole, a dedicated wayfinding sign and
38 extensive improvement to the natural environment including removal of invasive species and planting of natives
39 and a proposed small pond. Joe expressed interest in the project, but questioned the timing given the number of
40 capital projects on-going. Carmen expressed that the Board of Supervisors would want to see pictures and clearly
41 defined benefits to the project, and why it should take place now and not in the near future. Chris questioned
42 whether this project would take the place of traditional bocce or be in addition to. Jason reviewed the Park Master
43 Plan, noting that bocce or similar was a recreational activity Township residents expressed interest in. The Park
44 Commission decided to table a recommendation and will discuss the proposal at its September meeting.
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46 Mahjong - Jason met with Debbie Snyder, Park Commission member and Senior Card Group Coordinator, about
47 the addition of Mahjong to department programming. Leah Feigenbaum is the proposed instructor, who has ten
48 years of experience. The Senior Card Club that meets every Friday has grown from 3 members to 16-20 and
49 Jason/Debbie are confident this would be a welcome addition. Joe moved to recommend adding Mahjong as an
50 activity. Danny seconded the motion.
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52 Picnic Grove - Jason showed the Park Commission the map of the proposed improvements that include a gazebo,
53 pathway and picnic tables. Carmen recommended that this improvement happen in conjunction with the playground
54 renovation, so families have an additional place to sit, have a picnic and enjoy the park. Mark Miller estimated that
55 the Public Works Department could do both the pathway and gazebo for less than \$10,000. This project was listed

1 in the Park Master Plan with an estimated cost of \$37,500. The Park Commission was in agreement with the
2 improvements.
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5 **OLD BUSINESS**
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7 New Playground - Jason reported that DCNR has the playground renovation construction submission and was
8 awaiting comments. He was confident that the project would move forward this fall. A general project schedule
9 would be demolition and site preparation late September and new playground construction by mid- October.
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11 Bicentennial Celebration – Jason reviewed the event and thanked everyone for their participation. Joe stated that he
12 ended up working two shifts in a row because his volunteer replacement never came. There was general consensus
13 that it was difficult to find the volunteer tent. Everyone was in agreement that the fireworks display was markedly
14 improved over previous years.
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16 NRPA Gold Medal Award – Jason reported that East Goshen did not make it into the top 4 of this national award.
17 They don't give a full list but based on information he did receive, Jason feels we were very close.
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19 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

20 Food Festival – This will be held on August 26, 2017. There will be food trucks and 3 bands.

21 Day of Healing & Hope – Two events back to back: the Live Live Concert will be in the park from 5p-7p to benefit
22 mental health awareness and a viewing of the documentary Generation Found will be shown in the Township
23 Building from 7p-9p in partnership with the Chester County Drug and Alcohol Services Department. Jason
24 encouraged everyone to attend.
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26 **PARK MAINTENANCE**

27 Tennis Courts – The pickle ball courts are painted and play can be begin once the outer fencing is put up later in
28 August.

29 Stones course Entry way is done and looks great. Mark removed the temporary access road while resurfacing the
30 tennis courts, and installed pole barriers, fencing and a mulched path leading to the Stones course.
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33 **ADJOURNMENT**

34 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be
35 Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 7 p.m.
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40 Ruth Kiefer
41 Recording Secretary
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