

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
September 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 7, 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
Dan Leicht
Peter Knupp
Joe Zulli
Kishor Thakarar

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Mike Lynch, Township Supervisor
Rich Puifer, East Bradford Township Recreation Director

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 August 3, 2017 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Playground – Christine mentioned that an email was received with concerns about dogs in the playground area. This is a safety issue. After discussion the commission members agreed that dogs, because of their claws and pee that would be judgemental to the new surface, will not be allowed in the playground area. Signs will be posted when the new playground is installed.

2018 Budget – Jason recommended no change to the budget for 2018. The commission members agreed.

Brick Pathway – Jason explained that there will be a brick path around the new playground. Bricks will be available for about \$100. The funds will go to the Friends of East Goshen. You will go to a website to place your order. The installation may be done in several phases.

WiFi in the Park – Jason attended a Futurists Committee meeting. They provided a WiFi report they developed to put it in the park. There was discussion about hot spots vs matrix and cost. Jason asked the commission members to read the report for discussion at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Serpentine Rock - Jason reported that the Conservancy Board is going to meet with the Natural Lands Trust to see if they will provide a study and recommendations. Then the CB will have a join meeting with PRC to review the recommendations. Ongoing maintenance is a concern.

Stone Course Improvements – Residents are interested in this sport. There are two types of uses – league and individual. At last month's meeting, Ryan Kinka presented the list of improvements they want to make and the cost. After discussion tonight, the Commission members decided to delay this until 2018.

New Playground - Jason reported that the Township Public Works Department has removed the existing playground. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held this Saturday September 9th at 10:00 am. The Photography Workshop used a drone to photograph the playground before it was dismantled. Jason described the construction process. He anticipates the surface install on Oct. 13/14 and grand opening at the Pumpkin Festival on Oct 21st.

The bridge going to the playground was inspected and the footings were rotted. So, it will be replaced by a new wider bridge that will have stone facing like the signs along Paoli Pike.

Pickle Ball – Jason reported that the Pickle Ball courts are open. There is a lockbox with the equipment needed to play. Call the township building to get the code. The courts are open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. He also discussed alternative uses that this space may be used for.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Food Truck Festival – It was a huge success! Jason estimates about 2,000 people attended

Liv Live Concert – This will be held next Thursday, September 14th from 5:00 – 7:00 in the park. Following the concert, a presentation will be made at the Township Building about alcohol and drug abuse. A commission will be available for discussion. This will be a night of hope and healing.

Movie in the Park – will be held on September 22nd. The Mainliners will perform before the movie. The movie will be “Sing” and will start at 7:30 pm.

PARK MAINTENANCE

Butterfly garden - Christine is concerned about the maintenance of this garden and other mulched areas that are overgrown. She would like a written monthly report from Mark Miller of the maintenance that was done in the parks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary