

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
October 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 5, 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
Peter Knupp
Joe Zulli
Kishor Thakarar

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor

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 and all effected by the event in Las Vegas.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the September 7, 2017 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Goals – Everyone was provided with copies of the goals from the Park Master Plan, Township Comprehensive Plan 2015, and the 5-year Capital Improvement Program. ADA improvements to the amphitheater were discussed. Everyone should read these reports and come to the next meeting with 2-4 goals so the goals for 2018 can be set.

Old Soccer Field Area – Chris asked how these fields are being used. Jason commented that Ss. Simon & Jude School uses them for football in the fall. Also, there is an 1860's style baseball league that uses them from spring to fall. Maintenance and alternative uses were discussed.

"Why Play is Important" Contest- Jason posted the 8 entries received from school children telling why they feel play is important. The Commission reviewed the entries and selected Hannah Diem as the winner. She will be at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground.

Bi-Centennial – Jason displayed the items he feels should be included in the frame dedicated to this event. It will be unveiled at the annual ABCs dinner in December.

OLD BUSINESS

New Playground - Jason reported that the area is fully graded. The new bridge is started. Pennoni staked the area. The playground company will start to install footers, posts and platforms next week. Jason feels it will not be ready by October 21.

Brick Pathway - Jason met with the Friends of East Goshen on Monday. They couldn't approve the brick pathway because they didn't have a quorum but they were in favor of the project. Jason explained the process of setting up a website to sell the bricks. The pathway won't be installed until next Spring.

Pumpkin Festival – It will be held on Saturday October 21. The East High School choir will perform. This year the bowling will be done with pumpkins instead of frozen turkeys. The raindate is October 27. Volunteers are needed. Plan B if the playground isn't done, the event will be moved to a different location in the park.

Serpentine Rock - Jason reported that there will be a joint meeting with the Conservancy Board. Ongoing maintenance is a concern.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Neighbor to Neighbor day is November 15. Volunteers come from the Phelps School and East High School. They do 5 to 6 yards.

Bob Kelly 5K – is this Saturday October 7 in East Goshen Park. The Phillie Phanatic will be there.

Ping Pong will start tomorrow Friday October 6.

Building Bridges – This technology class for adults will be held on Thursdays in October. Students from East High School will be available to show how the new electronic devices work.

PARK MAINTENANCE

Last 30 days -Besides general park maintenance, Public Works did tree removal/pruning, playground site prep and vendor coordination; graded and reseeded soil from the playground to Applebrook Park; started the new playground bridge; labyrinth pick up; and prep for the Movie in the Park.

Tasks for next 30 days – Pick up pumpkins and hay and set up for the festival. Operate hay rides for the festival. Continue coordination with vendors for the new playground. Do subsurface prep and install crushed stone. Install pathway and continue installation of the new bridge. Move reading nook stones.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Kishor seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary