

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

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

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 November 2, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

Serpentine Rock– Jason reviewed the recommendations for maintenance from the Conservancy Board. He, Chris and Dan met and developed the ConservancyBoard-Park Commission Serpentine Rock Formation Maintenance and Education Recommendations. They added dates and estimated costs for some items. Joe raised the issue of funding for this since Park & Rec Commission did not have it in their 2018 Budget. The Commission members agreed that there should not be a fence around this area. Jason will pass it on to the Conservancy Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Playground Renovation Update - Jason reported that all of the equipment is in, the base for the path is in, an Eagle Scout is putting in a labyrinth and the bridge is almost done. Because of the cold weather, they will start work on it again about March 1, 2018.

2. Goals for 2018 – The following goals were discussed:

Continue to connect to the Paoli Pike Trail

Install cameras in the park

Improve basketball courts with new backboards, and expand current seating.

Sports Field –

Landscaping between the football and soccer field

Extend the driveway

Improve for cricket (currently they are playing on baseball fields)

Joe suggested using the term “All Purpose Athletic Field” for this location (on the hill)

3. Eagle Scout Projects – After discussion, the Commission members agreed on the following projects:

1. A new brick grill at the Veterans Pavilion

2. Bocce Ball court

3. Sign for the Serpentine Rock area

Recreation Director Report

1. The Holiday Tree Lighting will be held in East Goshen Park tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. The West Chester Community Chorus will provide music, the dancers will return this year, Jason will present the House Decorating Award and the Food Drive Award, and Santa will be there.
2. New York Trip – This annual trip will be held this Saturday, December 10, 2017. Jason has a wait list.
3. End of Year Report – Jason will present this report which will list the activities and awards the recreation programs have received. It will also include the number of people using the park.
4. Camp Dancing – This program was started in summer camp 2 years ago. Next year it will go national.
5. Bicentennial Plaque - Jason showed the completed Bicentennial Plaque and encouraged everyone to sign the back of it. He thought this was a good way to acknowledge everyone’s work. It will be hung in the Township Building Lobby.

PARK MAINTENANCE

Last 30 days -Besides general park winter maintenance, Public Works continued work on the playground site and bridge. They closed the Veterans Pavilion comfort station and removed the temporary comfort station in Applebrook.

Tasks for next 30 days – Continued maintenance on comfort stations, sports fields, Applebrook Park maintenance, continue work on the Playground Bridge and provide support for the Tree Lighting event.

ANY OTHER MATTER

Need to reorganize in January for 2018. Need a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary