

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**January 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Township Building. The original meeting date of January 4 was cancelled due to the weather. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christine Taraborelli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Deborah Snyder  
Ed Coyle  
Dan Leicht  
Joe Zulli  
Peter Knupp  
Kishor Thakarar

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation  
Michael Lynch, 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.

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

**REORGANIZATION**

Jason thanked Christine for all that she has done as Chairman. After discussion, Debbie moved that the 3 current officers (Christine Chairman, Dan Vice Chairman; Peter Secretary) remain in office for another year. All accepted. Ed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2018 Goals – Jason reviewed the 2017 accomplishments and 2018 goals that he and Christine presented at the Annual Planning Session last Saturday.

End of Year Report – Jason made a booklet of all of the events in 2017. He passed it around and everyone thought it was great. This report is also online.

SOPARC Analysis – This is the program that Jason used to track how many people are using the park and what areas are being used. The data showed how walking, etc. has good health benefits. He wants to get volunteers to help with it this year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Serpentine Rock – Jason reported that he spoke with Sandy Snyder, Chairman of the Conservancy Board. She agreed that the Conservancy Board will take the lead on this project. Christine wants it to be a joint project.

Paoli Pike Trail Update – Jason reported that the Township received a grant for Segment A. All segments are funded except B. The BOS is providing funding for the engineering of segment B. So far the Township has received about \$4.6 million for this project. On Tuesday the BOS will adopt the Corridor Plan.

Playground Renovation Update – Jason reported that the bridge is completed and looks great. Now Chas is working on the shed for the children to use. Still hoping for an opening date in March.

Eagle Scout Projects – Jason discussed possible projects. It was agreed to start the Bocce Ball Court project.

## **Recreation Director Report**

The Holiday Tree Lighting - Although the event was well attended, Jason feels that there needs to be better lighting in the stage area and there should ben an emcee.

Winter Programs – Jason reviewed the winter programs. He met with Roger Smith today, who wants to run a class to teach hexagonal origami. They would meet 2 times about 1 hour each time. There were samples on the table for the Commission member to see.

“Shave Off” – On Monday, January 22, 2018 at 11:00 am at the Cookie Cutter, a children’s hair cuttery in the shopping center, Jason will shave his head and give details of the event in the fall where others can do that to raise funds. The Cookie Cutter will be a part of Bob Kelly’s race in the fall.

On March 3 at 10:00 am there will be a class to train people how to administer the drug to prevent overdoses.

Friends of East Goshen – They are running the “Buy a Brick” program where you can purchase a brick for the new walkway in the playground. The program is going well.

Egg Hunt – It was decided to have the Egg Hunt on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>. Jason ordered 10,000 eggs.

Community Day – It was decided to recommend to the BOS to have Community Day on June 30, 2018. Jason will contact several businesses in the area about having their employees volunteer for this event.

Newsletter – The next article is due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ed will write an article.

Township Sustainability Analysis – Jason explained what it involved in this State program. He feels East Goshen may be a Silver Level.

## **PARK MAINTENANCE**

Public Works will start to prepare the ball fields in March.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chris moved to adjourn the meeting. Ed seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer  
Recording Secretary