

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**August 2, 2018**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Dan Leicht at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Peter Knupp  
Deborah Snyder  
Joe Zulli  
Eric Tobin

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation  
David Shuey, Township Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting were approved. There was no meeting in July.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. TMACC's request - Amanda Lozinak of TMACC, explained that their mission statement includes biking. Their foundation is the Foundation for the Improvement of Transportation (FIT). They would like to have an organized bike ride at night in the East Goshen and Applebrook Parks. They are planning to hold it on Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm. There will be a full moon that night. The event should be done by 9:00 p.m. She feels there will be a total of 80 adults and children. There will be a shorter route for children on tricycles. Joe asked about lighting and mentioned that TMACC is very well known in the biking community. Amanda commented that they want to keep it as dark as possible but will use flood lights. They will use police to manage the crossings on Paoli Pike. Deb mentioned that Applebrook is a passive park. Joe commented that the registration and BBQ will be in East Goshen park and the bike riding in Applebrook where bikes are permitted. Park users need to be notified about this event. David mentioned that Valley Forge Trail is allowing bikes now. Jason thanked Amanda for coming. The Commission will discuss this further.

2. 2019 Budget – Jason reviewed the current budget line items and mentioned that he can't take on any new programs. He spoke about the new Poet Laurette, Nancy Diversa and adding \$300.00 for a budget for her. He asked the Commission members to look at the budget for final discussion in September.

3. Recycling Cans at the Playground – Jason received a request from a parent to have a recycling can at the playground. He will talk to Mark Miller about this.

4. Community Day Review – Jason estimates there were 2500 people at this event about 1000 less. He feels it was because of the heat. Many people came later for the fireworks. Bob Kelly did a great job as the emcee for the ribbon cutting for the new playground. The band was great. Eric recommended using the band's sound system, which is better than the one that was used. The fireworks cost \$9,000 and were great. Issues discussed were:

1. Sound system
2. Carnival Games – Hard to get volunteers, 4 to 5 games cost \$700, maybe get another inflatable instead.
3. Deb mentioned that older people were having trouble getting from parking to the event area. Golf carts could be used. David suggested creating stop stations where people can wait for a cart.
4. Deb commented that people came to the volunteer station asking for water.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Farmers Market – The vendors suggested moving the market because they noticed a decrease in customers after the new playground opened. Also there is more shade there. Jason commented that the Mitchell & Mitchell

Winery will be selling white and red wines at the market in a few weeks when the paperwork is done. You will be able to get a taste to sample the wine but drinking wine etc. in the park is not allowed.

2. Serpentine Rock – Jason recapped the plan to burn this area 3 times per year, and install a fence and an educational sign. David suggested working with the Historical Commission.

## **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **1. Upcoming Events**

a. PALCS, Twelfth Night – was done on July 29<sup>th</sup> by the PA Leadership Charter School, which is across from the Township Building.

b. Food Truck Festival – 8/25 – Jason has 10 food trucks and 3 bands so far.

c. Awesome FEST – 9/14 – This event is for teens, by teens. Jason formed a committee of teenagers to create this event. On the Friday night they selected, there is no home game at East High School. He notified surrounding school districts. Kishor has been involved in the music for this event.

d. Pumpkin Fest – 10/19/18

### **2. Events Review**

a. Theater in the park had about 200 people attend. It was the Complete History of America Abridged and was a political satire.

b. Summer Camp – It is being held at Glen Acres and will be there for the next 2 or 3 years because of the work being done at East Goshen Elementary. There are about 70 children per week. He had to turn children away for the full day camp. When they return to East Goshen Jason will expand the full day camp. He will have a report in September.

c. Kids Theater in the Park – was a huge success. There were about 338 people there.

3. Playground – The new trees are in shock and their leaves are turning already. They should be ok next year. Joe mentioned that it seems there is not as much shade as they thought there would be. Jason suggested putting umbrellas on the extra tables that aren't under the pavilion. Inspections are done on a regular basis by Mike Ennis, SPI, of the Public Works Department.

4. Fun News – A video has been made to welcome people to the playground. Jason had about 40 children in the video. It will be on the website shortly. Also, his social media intern, Kristin, has taken all of the videos of the playground process and put them together to show the history of the playground (which is being referred to by some as “Disney North”).

5. Cricket – Jason reported that this has really taken off. They are currently playing on the baseball fields. Next year he wants to put it on the soccer field.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Jason reported that the Public Works Department did mostly road work in July. They repaved a road in East Goshen Park. Joe mentioned that the basketball nets were frayed and should be replaced.

2. The Eagle Scout project gets flooded.

## **LIAISON REPORT**

1. Board of Supervisors – David Shuey reported that the Board of Supervisors approved a Pipeline Taskforce. This committee will have 7 members. Apply if you are interested.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dan moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary