

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
October 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 4, 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
Kishor Thakarar
Eric Tobin

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

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. Mrs. Jessica Bottaro requested permission to record her daughter Angelina's presentation. Permission was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the September 6, 2018 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Angelina Bottaro – Jason introduced Angelina from Girl Scout Troop 41223. Angelina explained that she is giving a presentation for her Silver Girl Scout project. She would like to install bushes around the labyrinth and the zip line in the new playground. It will create a barrier without a fence. She provided a sketch of her plan. She will use Rhododendrums. The cost will be about \$500. She needs to get donations and 10 volunteers and plans to do this next Spring. Angelina also mentioned that 2 more benches should be installed at the sand box. There is no place for parents to sit. Jason explained that the installation of Rhododendrums is in the original playground plan. Debbie commented that those bushes need a lot of water. Jason mentioned that he could try to get permission from DNCR to use a different bush. If they install benches they would have to match the ones already installed.

2. Natalie Golden – Jason introduced Natalie Golden from Girl Scout Troop 41223. Natalie explained that she is giving a presentation for her Silver Girl Scout project. She is proposing to build and install 4 bat boxes in Applebrook Park. She provided a description and map of the project. The purpose is to improve the overall outdoor experience of people using the park by decreasing their exposure to biting insects such as disease carrying mosquitoes. Bats can eat about 1,000 mosquitoes per night. They are endangered due to lack of habitat and a fungus that kills them. A single chamber bat box can hold 50-100 bats. They will be installed on metal poles at least 12 feet above ground and ¼ mile from a water source. She will ask Home Depot for instructions and supplies.

3. Craig Sims, Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America - Jason introduced Craig Sims. Craig explained that the Chester County Council received a grant and purchased a "Daisy" inflatable air rifle (BB) range to teach children proper firearm use and management. It is self-contained. The target is on a pulley so there is no access to that area. There would be 1 NRA/BSA certified instruction to 1 student. They use these at their camps. Younger children would have their parent with them. He would like to bring it to a special township event, such as, Community Day, Farmers Market, etc. Eric asked if they have to sign a waiver. Craig answered that the BSA will carry the liability if someone gets hurt. Jason commented that he will have to check with the Township's insurance carrier. Joe pointed out that the Board of Supervisors will have the final approval. Craig is willing to set it up so everyone can see it. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pumpkin Festival - The Pumpkin Festival will be held on Saturday October 20, 2018 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Jason provided a map of the park indicating where the events will be held. Because the pumpkins are much larger this year, because of all of the rain, the budget of \$2,300.00 will buy less pumpkins. The bins for the pumpkins will be surrounded by orange fencing. Ann Marie will be at the entrance with a stamp to put on peoples hands as they go in. The East Goshen table will have a raffle. Pumpkin Bowling will be on the hills at the playground. Amerikids will do the face painting. Jason asked for volunteers. The rain date is Sunday October 21, 2018.
2. Yard Sale – It will be held this Saturday October 6, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the East Goshen Park and throughout the Township. He gets there at 6:00 am to set up and residents are supposed to come at 7:30 am. He needs some people to help with the Yard Sale at the park.
3. Escape the Blacksmith Shop is being held this Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. He will be there to help Nancy D’versa with this historical project. He explained the project. They increased the numbers from 60 to 70 people because of the interest in it.
4. Awesome FEST – This was very successful. There were about 150 teenagers there and they had lots of talent. Kishor helped with the event and 12 organizations were involved.
5. Playground – Jason took new photos and videos of the playground. They are posted online.
6. Farmers Market – Jason will meet with the vendors at the end of the season. Eric mentioned that a town he visited has a Farmers Market and Band on Wednesday afternoons only a few times in the summer.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Jason reported that the Public Works Department is mowing grass. They have started the Marydell project but the pond won’t dry out because of all of the rain.
2. After Halloween the loose equipment at the Playground will be put in storage for the winter.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Jason mentioned that the Township received two grants totaling more than \$600,000 for the Hershey Mill Dam project. This will be outsourced.
2. Jason announced that the Township Holiday Party will be Friday, December 7, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary