

Park Commission  
Agenda  
Thursday, January 3rd, 2019  
7:00 PM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes from the December 6th, 2018 meeting
- E. Chairman's Report
  
- F. New Business
  - 1. Park Commission reorganization
  - 2. Discussion of 2019 Park Commission Goals
  - 3. Township ABC Kickoff Meeting, Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8am
  - 4. 2019 Food Truck & Music Festival, Potential for Alcohol Sales
  - 5. FOEG – potential new synergies
  
- G. Old Business – Updates
  - 1. Picnic Grove in EGT Park
  
- H. Recreation Director Report
  - 1. Upcoming events
    - a. Fitness Programs
    - b. Are you a Toxic Waste Dump? Health education classes
      - a. 1/8 (10am) and 1/10 (6pm)
    - c. Chalk Art in the Park
  - 2. Park Maintenance Report
  
- I. Liaison reports
- J. Any Other Matter
- K. Public Opinion
- L. Adjournment

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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**November 1, 2018**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christine Taraborelli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Daniel Leicht  
Peter Knupp  
Deborah Snyder  
Ed Coyle  
Eric Tobin

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation  
Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Dog Park Request - Jason presented his report which he also sent to Ms. Thompson. He reported that she went to Hersheys Mill Board again but they denied her request for a dog park. Jason mentioned that there is nothing in the Master Plan for a dog park. After discussion, the Commission members all agreed that this request would be denied at this time. Carmen thanked Jason and the Commission for considering this request. He agrees with the decision.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Picnic Grove - Jason reported that the existing gazebo can be refurbished. He spoke to several people who use the baseball field there and found that this area is heavily used during baseball games. So, Jason is proposing to put the picnic grove on the other side of the parking lot next to the Butterfly Garden. Additional trees will provide shade there and near the sandbox. The Commission members agreed to do this.

2. Chesco Scouts – Daisy Air Rifle Activity - Jason reviewed this presentation that was made last month by Craig Sims of the Chester County Council. After discussion the Commission members all agreed to deny this request.

3. Pumpkin Festival - The Pumpkin Festival was held on Saturday October 20, 2018. Jason estimated about 2500 people attended. 1200 cars were parked. There were 1,100 pumpkins. The bins were surrounded by fencing and volunteers stamped the adults hands as they entered with the children to get the pumpkins. Debbie reported that there were no problems except that, as the bins emptied, it was hard to get the pumpkins out. Also, next year put up an “Enter” and “Exit” sign. The sound system was discussed. Everyone liked the Spotted Lanternfly skit that Jason did with the children. People have noticed that children are playing on the hills at the playground since they had Pumpkin Bowling as an event.

1 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

2 1. Neighbor to Neighbor Day is on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Since the trees are still green, it may be moved to November  
3 24<sup>th</sup>. Jason has volunteers but needs more homes.

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5 2. Tree Lighting – This will be held on December 14, 2018. Jason is looking for a choir. He purchased 175  
6 battery run candles for the kids to hold. The candles are run by remote control. The kids will turn them in as they  
7 go to see Santa.

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9 3. Awesome FEST – This was very successful. There were about 150 teenagers there and they had lots of talent.  
10 Kishor helped with the event and 12 organizations were involved. Jason reported that the manager of the Movie  
11 Tavern in Exton has agreed to let them use the venue next year to show the films that the teenagers made. The date  
12 for the screening will be August 19, 2019. Jason will welcome submissions through June 1, 2019.

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14 **PUBLIC WORKS**

15 1. Jason reported that the Public Works Department has removed the sail shade at the playground for the winter.  
16 Chris mentioned that she noticed they have planted some evergreen trees around the sides of the park.

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18 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

19 1. Jason mentioned that Debbie Snyder was “Volunteer of the Year” this year. He wants to have an event to  
20 present this award next year. Everyone agreed to have a “Spring Kick Off” for all of the volunteers.

21 2. Jason mentioned that the trip to Iceland is coming up. There are 12 people going.

22 3. Jason reminded everyone that at the January meeting the Commission has to select new officers.

23 4. Jason reminded everyone that the East Goshen Township Holiday Party is Friday December 7.

24 5. Ed mentioned that during the Food Truck and Music Festival they tried to go to the playground through the  
25 Stones field but the wetland area was very muddy. He asked if a bridge can be installed there. Jason will check  
26 into this.

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28 **ADJOURNMENT**

29 There being no further business, Ed moved to adjourn the meeting. Debbie seconded the motion. The meeting was  
30 adjourned at 8:30 pm.

31 The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, December 13, 2018** (instead of the 6<sup>th</sup>) at 7 p.m.

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33 Respectfully submitted,

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37 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary  
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**DRAFT**  
**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**December 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christine Taraborelli at 7:00 pm. Commission members present were (bold indicates those who were present):

**Daniel Leicht**

Ed Coyle

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore

Peter Knupp

Deborah Snyder

**Kishor Thakarar**

Eric Tobin

**Joseph Zulli**

Others present were:

**Jason Lang**, Director of Recreation

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Since there was not a quorum present, the minutes of the November 1, 2018 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2019 Goals – Jason led a discussion of potential goals for 2019. These included 8.6 (Paoli Pike Trail) and 9.3 (maintaining and upgrading East Goshen Park) from the Comprehensive Plan and Action 1.5A (nature Programming), 1.6A (Art in the Park) and 4.4A (develop a formal volunteer program). Joe commented that recruiting more volunteers may be a difficult task. Potential goals will be discussed and approved at the January Park Commission meeting. The Annual ABC Planning meeting will be held Saturday January 12, 2019, at 8:00 am.

2. 2019 Food Truck & Music Festival – Jason led a discussion of adding alcohol sales to the Food Truck and Music Festival. He had multiple discussions with municipal leaders and safety officials in the area. East Whiteland Township offered four beer/wind garden events coupled with live music, which would mirror our event. They said all were well attended, there were no alcohol related incidents, and they planned to offer them again in 2019. Joe had questions about why we should add alcohol to the event. The outlined benefits were; it would safely enhance the event and drive additional attendance, support a local business, and generate revenues to offset event expenses. Jason had a lengthy conversation with Chief Brenda Bernot (WEGO) about logistics and safety. Chief Bernot stated this type of event is becoming very popular, and she did not have any reservations about increased risks to the safety of park users. She added that we should have a designated beer garden area fenced off. We would also be adding a uniformed officer throughout the duration of the event. Kishor added that these events are becoming very popular in Philadelphia. Also, he has seen them with built-in playgrounds to attract entire families to the event. The present Park Commission members agreed we should give it a try. Since a quorum was not present, this issue will be discussed again at the January 2019 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Picnic Grove - The Park Commission members wanted to revisit the picnic grove area. Chris was interested in keeping it in the same area it is now. Danny remarked that he didn't see baseball players warming up in that area, which was an original concern. Another concern is possible grading issues. Kishor remarked that he eats lunch at

1 the current spot about every day and the shade is welcoming. Jason commented that the other spot, near the  
2 Butterfly Garden, was chosen for better ADA accessibility and to mitigate a perceived tripping hazard. He added  
3 that, if it was to remain in its current location, ADA accessibility could be achieved by adding a ramp and removing  
4 a curb leading to the gazebo. This issue will be revisited at the January meeting. In the meantime, the Public  
5 Works Department will be removing the gazebo and refurbishing it.

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7 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

- 8 1. Updates - Jason gave updates on the popular Iceland and NYC trips and Neighbor to Neighbor day.  
9 2. Tree Lighting – Unfortunately, because of a forecast for severe rain storms tomorrow night, the Annual Tree  
10 Lighting event has been cancelled. The tree will be lighted until the end of the year.

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13 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

- 14 1. Jason reminded everyone that reorganization will be done at the January meeting.

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16 **ADJOURNMENT**

17 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.  
18 The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 2, 2019 at 7 p.m.

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20 Respectfully submitted,

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24 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary  
25 With notes by Jason Lang

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