

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.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Neighbor to Neighbor Day is on November 10th. Since the trees are still green, it may be moved to November 24th. Jason has volunteers but needs more homes.
2. Tree Lighting – This will be held on December 14, 2018. Jason is looking for a choir. He purchased 175 battery run candles for the kids to hold. The candles are run by remote control. The kids will turn them in as they go to see Santa.
3. 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. Jason reported that the manager of the Movie Tavern in Exton has agreed to let them use the venue next year to show the films that the teenagers made. The date for the screening will be August 19, 2019. Jason will welcome submissions through June 1, 2019.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Jason mentioned that Debbie Snyder was “Volunteer of the Year” this year. He wants to have an event to present this award next year. Everyone agreed to have a “Spring Kick Off” for all of the volunteers.
2. Jason mentioned that the trip to Iceland is coming up. There are 12 people going.
3. Jason reminded everyone that at the January meeting the Commission has to select new officers.
4. Jason reminded everyone that the East Goshen Township Holiday Party is Friday December 7.
5. Ed mentioned that during the Food Truck and Music Festival they tried to go to the playground through the Stones field but the wetland area was very muddy. He asked if a bridge can be installed there. Jason will check into this.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary