

**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

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

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

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

ANY OTHER MATTER

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary
With notes by Jason Lang