

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**February 7, 2019**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman **Daniel Leicht** at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present are highlighted:

**Edward Coyle**

Anne Marie Flecher-Moore

**Peter Knupp**

**Deborah Snyder**

**Christine Taraborelli**

Kishor Thakarar

**Eric Tobin**

**Joseph Zulli**

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

Carmen Battavio, 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, first responders & veterans.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes of the January 3, 2019 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Park Permit Request - TSC Alliance Walk – Fran and Jack Lyons, organizers, were present. Fran explained that this fundraiser is for Tuberosus Sclerosis Complex (TSC). Jack provided brochures. The walk was last held in Wyomissing PA. There will be about 30 walks for TSC in the USA between May and August. They feel that attendance will increase since they are closer to CHOP and DuPont hospitals. It will be held on Saturday June 1, 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. They anticipate about 150 people. Ed moved to approve this application. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Community Day - Jason suggested Saturday, June 29, 2019 as the date for Community Day. Debbie made a motion to have Community Day on Saturday June 29, 2019. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. It will be held from 4:00 to end of the fireworks. The games, etc. will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. It was decided to not have the low and high strikers. There will be two escape rooms, which will handle 10 people at a time for 15 minutes. If the Harry Potter theme is available Jason will ask for it. The raindate will be 6/30/19.

3. Food Trucks – Jason reviewed the list of food trucks that have applied for Community Day and/or the Food Truck & Music Festival in August. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

4. Beer Garden for Food Truck & Music Festival - Jason reported that today he, Dan, Eric and Carmen went to the Locust Lane Brewery and made an live video for Facebook. The Brewer works with Chadds Ford Winery, which will supply wine at the festival. Jason reported that last year's ad had about 41,000 views. This year there were about 42,000 before the beer and wine garden was announced. It will be held on Saturday August 24 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. The bands are: Swingtime Dolls, the Letter Red Rooster and Not Quitting Our Day Jobs.

5. Park Rules - Jason provided an updated copy of the park rules for the Commission members to review and discuss at the next meeting. The latest addition is no pets in the playground. It was pointed out that bike riding is

not mentioned. Joe is concerned about the very wet ground. Jason mentioned that baseball usually starts the end of March but started late last year because of the rain.

6. Volunteer Open House – Jason wants to have this event at the Hicks Pavilion at 6:00 pm before the regular meeting. Because of his schedule, the April meeting will be changed to Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Open House will be held on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm with the regular meeting to follow.

7. Basketball League – Dan has talked to many residents who are interested in starting a basketball league. It would be 6 weeks with practice and games 2 nights/week with playoff games the 7<sup>th</sup> week. There would be 3 divisions based on grade in school from 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It would be held during June. The Commission is okay with this but this will be a private league subject to the rules and permits of all leagues.

8. Trail Markers – The current markers in the park are a mess. Dan suggested color coded markers for the 3 different loops. Joe voiced concern that they can be confusing if not done properly. Jason will find a professional to do this project.

9. Signs – Jason mentioned that it is difficult for people who are not familiar with the park to find the area they need. He is proposing to install directional signs at the 2 entrances to the East Goshen Park. He provided a sample of the sign. He will also install a few more “No Dogs Allowed” signs at the playground.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Picnic Grove - Jason reported that when the current gazebo was removed it had too much damage to be refurbished, so a new one will be purchased. There was discussion about the location of the picnic grove. After all members gave input, there was a unanimous vote to not move it to the butterfly garden. ADA parking spots will be striped where the picnic grove is currently located.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

1. Upcoming Events - Jason spoke about the following:
  - a. Canyon Country (Utah & Arizona) trip meeting – 2/13/19. Jason mentioned that Collete is great to work with. There are usually 6 to 10 residents taking these trips and they are very pleased.
  - b. Building Bridges, Senior Tech classes, Thursdays in March. Jason mentioned that these classes will be held at East High School in the principal’s classroom. They can take 5 seniors per week.
  - c. Bhangra Dance – This class has started. They participated in the Awesome Fest.
2. Chalk Artist – Jason mentioned that he is ready to start the end of February.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

1. They will start regular maintenance in March.
2. Christine asked about the top fields. Jason explained that the dirt is from the expanded path. There is room for 3 fields up there so, there will be one for Cricket pitch, 1 for football and 1 for anything else.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

1. BOS - Carmen reported that they had a 3-2 vote not to approve the proposed Open Space Zoning Ordinance amendment at this time.

### **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, March 7, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary