

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
August 1, 2019

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Daniel Leicht at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present are highlighted:

Daniel Leicht, Chairman

Deborah Snyder, Vice Chairman

Edward Coyle

Anne Marie Fletcher-Moore

Peter Knupp

Christine Taraborelli

Kishor Thakarar

Eric Tobin

Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

Gabriel Long - Intern

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 June 6, 2019 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tennis Courts - Russell Miller presented the following report to the Commission members:

a. Tennis court fees – Since there are no fees required, the sign needs to be removed. Jason mentioned that the sign has been removed.

b. Tennis court repairs – The front courts were resurfaced in 2017 but in spring of 2018 they cracked and the surface started to peel away on court #3. He provided some photos of the cracks in the courts. Jason responded that this is on the schedule for August 20th.

c. Tennis court weeds - Russ mentioned that in 2018 he took care of the weeds at the courts. He asked for permission to weed the tennis courts on an ongoing basis. The Commission approved this request.

d. Roller, brooms and benches – The courts have 3 Rol Dri sponge rollers. Two of the rollers have sponges that need to be replaced. Russ proposed that, instead of replacing the rollers, replace only the sponges. They are available for about \$30. Jason will take care of ordering the sponges.

Brooms are no longer at the courts. Jason will take care of this.

Previously there were benches for the outer courts. They were lite weight aluminum. Not sure if they were stored when the repairs were done. There were 4 now there is just 2. Jason will check on this.

e. Bleachers and Windscreens – The approved East Goshen Park Master Plan called for the addition of tennis court bleachers and replacement of the windscreens as a mid-term objective. The estimated cost is \$9,000. Jason explained that in 2020 he plans to look into getting a grant for 2021.

f. Shade trees - Russ pointed out that the Master Plan called for the addition of shade trees.

g. Practice Wall – The practice wall was removed and never re-installed after the fence repair and installation of the Pickle Ball Courts. He would like to have a practice wall installed at Court #6. He had a picture

of the West Goshen practice wall. Jason commented that this could be an Eagle Scout project. He explained how it could be installed for use by tennis and pickle ball.

h. Rental fees – Russ asked if the rental fees paid by outside groups goes toward maintenance of the courts. Jason mentioned that the USTA and summer camp pay fees.

2. Food Truck and Music Festival scheduled for August 24th. – Jason showed the flyer for this event. The beer and wine garden will be fenced in. There will be 2 police officers and the Goshen Fire Police will direct the traffic. The layout of the event was discussed. Jason would like to have a table and needs volunteers. The bands will have to bring their own sound equipment. The raindate is August 25th.

3. Awesome FEST and Teen Filmmakers Showcase August 17 & 19 - Saturday 8/17 will be the Awesome FEST. Jason needs teenage volunteers. The Upper Main Line Y dance group will perform and teach some dance steps. Other activities were discussed. Krapft Bus company will provide a bus from the Melton Center in West Chester so kids from West Chester can come. Monday 8/19 teen film showcase will be held at the Movie Tavern in Exton. They have a 158 seat theater available. Jason received 14 submissions ages 12-18. Kishor helped with this event. It will start at 5:30. A Critics Choice Award will be presented. Gabriel has created an app for the audience to vote for their favorite film.

4. 2020 Budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Playground Shade - This project was discussed. Jason mentioned that the poles will be permanent but the shade will come down for the winter.

2. Community Day –Held on Saturday June 29, 2019. There were about 2,000 people in spite of the rain showers before and just after the fireworks, which started earlier at 8:30.

3. Summer Camp – They had a good summer. Jason may offer 5 weeks of all day camp next year.

4. Shakespeare in the Park – This was delayed one week because of the extreme heat. It rained the day of the event but stopped long enough for the performance. There were about 125 people.

5. Preschool Entertainment – They had a magician and theater on the playground.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events - See reports above.

a. Awesome FEST and Teen Filmmakers Showcase (8/17 & 19)

b. Food Truck and Music Festival (8/24)

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Traffic light is being installed at the main entrance to the park.

2. In August-September they will start to work on the Paoli Pike Trail sections C, D, and E.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ed moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday September 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary