

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
September 5, 2019**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 5, 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

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 August 1, 2019 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Awesome Fest - Jason reported that it was very hot and attendance was down from last year when it was held in September. The 5 person planning team got experience in planning events.

2. Teen Filmmakers Showcase - This was a huge success. The Movie Tavern in Exton hosted and they were very excited to have it. Twelve films were shown. Jason described some of the films. There was a red carpet. The winner was Adam McCaloney from East High School. They are already planning for next year.

3. Food Truck and Music Festival - About 4000 people attended this event. The weather was perfect. The vendors did very well. Some comments were: long lines, need more picnic tables, couldn't hear the bands in certain areas, handicapped had trouble getting to the food because of the grass and slopes. The Township was paid by the vendors based on what they sold. Expenses were bands, police, porta potties, etc.

4. Park Activity Communication - Jason mentioned that there are rumors going around that the baseball tournaments are going to be like the soccer fields on Line Road. Peter suggested that Jason include ball games and tournaments in his communication about activities in the park.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2020 Budget – Jason reviewed the proposed budget. He will submit it without any changes.

2. Shade for the Sandbox – Jason reported that it was scheduled to be installed this Tuesday but a pole didn't arrive in time so it is delayed. Jason measured the 15 x 15 foot area and discussed the position of the shade. Everyone agreed that the diggers and sand table should be shaded.

OLD BUSINESS – cont’d

3. Park Improvements – Cover for the stage. Jason mentioned that \$50,000 to \$70,000 is budgeted for this. He will set up an on site meeting with Nate Cline from Pennoni. Acoustics are very important. During the winter the Commission will decide what they want done. Pennoni will develop a plan. Jason feels the process will be done in 2022.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

- a. Applebrook Golf, 9/16 – must have 40. So far 28 have signed up.
- b. DePuy-Synthes Fitness Expo, 9/18 – at Johnson & Johnson on Airport Rd. From 9am to 12.
- c. NRPA Conference, Gold Medal Ceremony, 9/24 – This will be held in Baltimore. There are 20 finalists in 5 categories. East Goshen is the first Pennsylvania finalist!!
- d. Yard Sale, 10/12 – This is 9am to 1 pm. Bob Kelly and the Junk Yard Group will be in the park. Also in the park that day will be a baseball tournament.
- e. Pumpkin Fest, 10/19, 10am to 1 pm. – Also, that evening from 6 pm to 9 pm there will be a Ghost Walk at the Historic area. Jason has been involved in 2 successful escape room events. Ted Roberts, the Historical Commission Chairman, had the idea for a Ghost Walk. It is for ages 12 and up and there will be a \$5/person fee. They will hear about the ghosts in East Goshen. Jason needs volunteers for the tours and check in table.

PARK MAINTAINENCE

- 1. Public Works Department helped with the Festival.
- 2. The directional signs are installed and are very nice. One needs to be moved.
- 3 Traffic light is being installed at the main entrance to the park.
- 4. Paoli Pike Trail – There will be a ground breaking ceremony on September 17 at 6:00 pm in front of the Chamber building to start work on sections F & G. Jason explained the course the path will take through Applebrook Park. The Township has funding for all of the trail except section B. Joe mentioned that there should be signage along the trail showing the speed limit and etiquette rules. Also maybe have someone from the Chester County Trail come to a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Deb seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday October 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary