

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

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

**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 (via phone call)**

**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 October 3, 2019 meeting were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1. Dan mentioned that the ID sign in front of the park was put in the wrong place. Jason will have it moved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Pumpkin Fest - Jason commented that the weather was great and it was well attended. Ed mentioned that the line for the ponies was very long. They had to wait 30- 40 minutes. They were out of pumpkins about 12:30 p.m. Jason mentioned that a bus containing about 40 people came into the park. They didn't know about the pumpkin fest. Jason gave them his card so they can call him the next time they want to use the Park. Over 40 people needs a permit. Jason reported that there were less volunteers than usual. There were 2 girls doing a good job with the face painting. Next year he will probably delete the pie-eating contest. Only one person registered this year.

2. Ghost Walk – This new event went very well. About 125 people attended. He had to turn about 40 people away because they weren't preregistered. The high school actors did a great job. The Paranormal Society was in the Blacksmith shop and believes there are ghosts in the building including a monkey! Jason provided a survey. Most everyone want it to be more scary! Maybe in a few years they will park in the Park and have a scary hayride to the Blacksmith shop.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Park Improvements – The Township has three big projects to finish; The Paoli Pike Trail, Herheys Mill Dam and Milltown Reservoir Dam. The Township Finance Committee is concerned about the remaining expenses for these projects. They recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the Park improvement projects be moved back 2 years. After the meeting with Nate Kline at the Amphitheater, Jason found several companies that provide premade covers. He provided some pictures of the various styles. He will get spec sheets on them.

## **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **1. Upcoming Events -**

- a. Neighbor to Neighbor Day will be next Saturday, Nov. 16 from 8 – 11 a.m. He only has 2 homeowners signed up so far. Usually there are 4-5.
- b. Holiday Celebration and Christmas Tree Lighting – Friday December 13 at 6:30 p.m. The dancers and choraleers will be there. He has 150 plastic candles that are activated by a remote. He wants to give the candles to the kids and have volunteers in the audience who will click the remote on his command. Carmen Battavio can't be Santa with year so Nancy Daversa's, Township Poet Laureate, husband will do it this year.
- c. New York City Trip, Saturday, December 14. There are 35 people signed up.
- d. Kid's Christmas Scavenger Hunt with Santa, Monday, December 23. This is a new idea from Nancy Daversa. It will be held during the day at the Blacksmith Shop. It is for children ages 2-7. They have to preregister. Santa will be there for pictures.

## **PARK MAINTAINENCE**

1. Public Works will replace some dead trees around the playground. They closed the Veterans Pavilion restroom for the winter. They aerated the football field. There were two sports groups that played longer than expected this year. A new flag football league was started this year. They had 140 kids sign up so it was a success. Pickle Ball – Jason pulled the 2 sets and put them away for the winter. He received a call today that they have 30 people who want to continue playing all year!!

## **ANY OTHER MATTER.**

1. Reorganization – Jason suggested that this be discussed next month. The officers serve 2 years. Dan is Chairman, Deb is Vice Chair and Peter is Secretary this year.
2. Tomorrow is Joanne Morgan's last day. She is retiring after 31 years as the Township receptionist. Jason encouraged everyone to stop by and see her.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary