

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
April 16, 2020**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, April 16, 2020. Because of the restrictions due to COVID-19, the meeting was held via Zoom virtual conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Danny Leicht at 7:05 pm.

Commission members present are highlighted:

Daniel Leicht, Chairman

Deborah Snyder, Vice Chairman

Edward Coyle

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore

Peter Knupp

Christine Taraborelli

Kishor Thakarar

Eric Tobin

Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

John Hertzog, Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Danny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Danny asked for a moment of silence to remember our military, police, first responders & veterans and everyone affected by the coronavirus COVID-19.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Day change – Community Day is scheduled for Saturday June 27th, but with the current circumstances Jason recommended postponing it and including it in the Food Festival on August 29. Jason has contacted the Community Day vendors (fireworks, etc) about the possibility of changing the date. The Friends of East Goshen need 2 months to send out letters to raise money for Community Day. The parking will probably extend across Paoli Pike to Applebrook.

Peter made a motion to postpone the Community Day and include it in the Food Festival with a final decision to be made at the P&R meeting on June 4th. Ed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jason will prepare a memo to present to the Board of Supervisors for their approval next Tuesday. Jason feels the name of the combined events should have its own name. Deb suggested Community Festival. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. COVID-19 Impacts – Jason mentioned that only the trails are open in the parks and they are busy. All sports are cancelled. The Little League wants to have some kind of season possibly in the fall. Summer Camp – Jason can't use the school. As of now, he will have the 5 weeks as planned but in the park. All 5K races have rescheduled to fall. Jason discussed with Mark Miller how the parks will be impacted in the fall. The Teddy Bear search and Virtual Egg Hunt went very well. Jason is designing "Park & Rec at Home". It will be on the website and contain different things for people to do. The 5K race will be done over a 2 week period. You keep your time then submit it to him. It will probably be in late May. Michele Truitt suggested that Jason host a roving dance party. He would be in a truck playing dance music and go into the neighborhoods. The Movie Tower Film Festival is continuing. He has 103 submissions from kids all over the area and out of state.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Eagle Scout Project– Jason mentioned that this is on pause for now. Mark Miller sent the scout the specs for the bocce courts so he could continue to plan. He is 13 and has plenty of time to complete it. Probably in spring of 2021.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming events

- a. Carnival of Ruin May 30 – This is still scheduled but Jason feels they will move it to the fall. The backup date is Oct. 3rd.
- b. Chester Co. Community Band June 10 – Jason feels this will be moved to the fall.

PARK MAINTAINENCE

1. Public Works – They are cutting the grass, which looks real good because it’s not being walked on. Someone broke into the men’s room to steal toilet paper.

ANY OTHER MATTER.

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Deb moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday May 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary