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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
May 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 7, 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

Chris Parasol, resident

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 April 16, 2020 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dan reported that when he was at the park, he saw 6 people in the playground. They didn't stay long.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review CDC recommendations for summer camp programs – Jason would start the camp on Monday, June 22. CDC guidelines came out last week, but he just received notice that the Federal government is not using the CDC guidelines. Jason will have a call with the PA Department of Health tomorrow to see how Gov. Wolf's plan works with the camp. He assumes the state will have the final authority. In PA there are 3 tiers – red, yellow and green. Chester Co. is red right now. Under yellow we can offer camp in the park for 50 or less campers. There will be no playground. The staff will have to wear masks. Temperatures of the children will be checked each day. Under the recommended social distancing, each age group stays with their assigned staff for the day. Mark Miller bought a leaf blower that has an attachment for spraying so they will disinfect the area each day. Joe mentioned that the parents have to take responsibility for sending their child to camp. Jason has 75 registered already. He sent out a survey about the restrictions for this year. About 2/3 were still ok with coming. The only "no go" is if we ask the kids to wear masks. So, the plan so far is – start June 22, at the Veterans Pavilion, 9 am to 12 noon, 5 weeks for 50 kids. Jason will have a call with his senior staff on Monday and the full staff on Wednesday. Then he will contact the parents. Jason is hoping we will be in the yellow zone by June 1. Chris Parasol commented that she is a former ER nurse and would not send her children. Maybe if it was green.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **COVID-19 Impacts** – Jason reviewed the list of programs showing which ones are canceled or postponed. The playground will be the very last thing to open. Tennis and Pickleball courts may open for singles play only in the yellow. Jason mentioned that they will need to be ready to make recommendations to the BOS regarding programs. There was discussion about the Community Day combined with the Food Truck and Music Festival in August. At the June 4th meeting the PRC members will have to make a decision whether to hold it or cancel. The Friends of East Goshen raise the money for Community Day which may be much harder this year. Unless we are in yellow the beginning of June and green is close, Jason doesn't feel we can have this event. There was discussion about the response to the Teen Film Showcase. Jason commented that it will probably be a virtual event this year.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. **Public Works** – They are cutting the grass, which looks real good because it's not being walked on. They started working on the Paoli Pike Trail again. Work will start on the Bow Tree Pond #1. Yesterday they put 3,500 fish in the Marydell and Pine Oaks ponds.

ANY OTHER MATTER.

1. Jason commented that the township staff had a soft opening of the township building yesterday. The building is not open to the public. It will be a few more weeks when we are yellow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Parasol's sons Cole and Jack were on the call. Cole asked if the fireworks will be cancelled. Jason answered that a decision has not been made yet. Jack asked if part of the Paoli Pike Trail could be a Pump Trail. Jason would have to get a grant for it. Also, Jack asked if the trail could connect to the boardwalk at the historic area. Jason explained how they can get there now.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ed moved to adjourn the meeting. Deb seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday June 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary