

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
August 6, 2020**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020. Because of the restrictions due to COVID-19, the meeting was held via Zoom virtual conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Deborah Snyder 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

Debbie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Paoli Pike Trail Rules and Regulations - Jason mentioned that construction of the Paoli Pike Trail is ongoing and expected to be done in late September. They haven't had too many change orders so they are on schedule. He has already seen foot traffic on the finished sections. We need to finalize the rules so people will know how to interact. Review the Chester County rules and regulations. He will prepare a memo for the BOS. Then educate the public. Kishor commented that he saw some bikers near the Township Building taking turns riding on the trail and the road. Jason will check to see if bikes are allowed on Paoli Pike. Bikes are not allowed on East Goshen Park trail only Applebrook Park. However, people park in East Goshen then ride over to Applebrook. Jason suggested painting bike symbols with an "x" through it on the East Goshen trail. Peter commented that there are signs saying walking and jogging only in East Goshen Park. Dan mentioned the intersection of Rt. 352 and Paoli Pike. If you are driving north on Rt.352 and going to turn right, there is a serious blind spot. He feels it should be "no turn on Red" to protect the bikers.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Amphitheater Band Shell - Members of the Friends of East Goshen Nick Sipone, Nancy Clifford and Dan Leicht, Chairman, were present. Jason mentioned that the cost to put a Band Shell in East Goshen Park will cost about \$65,000.00. The Township has no funding available for capital projects. He feels we may be able to get grants for most of the cost but not all of the cost. Friends of East Goshen is the fundraising group for East Goshen Park. Nancy commented that she sent a list of events to Jason but because of the current COVID-19 restrictions we can't raise funds through events. Debbie suggested having another brick sale for bricks at the stage. Jason

estimated that about \$12,000 was made from the other brick sales. He mentioned that there are three designs for the shell and the PRC should make a decision in the next few months. Then a letter with the design could be mailed asking for donations. Nancy suggested having sponsor categories i.e; gold, silver, etc. Jason feels it will take a few years to get this project done.

2. Summer Camp - The park is open now. Summer Camp is done and Jason was pleased with the acceptance by the kids of the restrictions. He feels that at the end of 2020 when the kids think back, they will think of camp as the best time they had. Ann Marie's daughter got the MVP award this year.

3. Hershey's Mill - Jason mentioned that Hershey's Mill Village and Golf Club has permanent Pickle Ball courts now. They donated 5 nets to the Township courts so the Township now has 8 nets. We may have a tournament in the fall. This is one sport where social distancing can be done.

4. Teen Filmmakers Showcase – Jason showed the custom awards that were made for this event. They are fabulous. The Showcase will be virtual. He received 1,100 submissions from 79 countries. It is very interesting how the COVID-19 virus effected people in other countries. Jason has been holding Zoom sessions for kids to learn about filmmaking. Kishor found the quality of the films to be so much better this year. Jason will send out the link for the show next Monday evening.

5. Events Status - Yard Sale – Jason hasn't decided whether to have this event or not. All fitness classes are being done virtually until January 2021. The Pumpkin Festival will probably be canceled. He may try to do something virtual. He wants to do "Jeopardy" shows with families in September, October and November and put them on UTube. Debbie suggested "Family Feud".

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. The East Goshen Park is all open. The ball fields are all booked up. Dan held four tournaments and it was great. Additional duty is sanitation which Public Works does every day sometimes twice per day. On Saturday and Sunday there are two men who are on call to sanitize the park.

ANY OTHER MATTER.

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday September 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and maybe at the East Goshen Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary