

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
September 3, 2020**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 3, 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 Dan Leicht at 7:00 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

Dan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 Budget – Jason reviewed the proposed 2021 Budget. There was discussion about charging people to attend events, if needed, to cover operating expenses. Jason mentioned that Summer Camp in the Park went well this year. The children were excited to be there. Next year he is proposing to have full day camp for multiple weeks. He would have 80-100 kids and staff, kids ages 5-12. Possible custodian charges were discussed for cleaning the school. Jason feels the cost per child per week will be \$195 to \$205. Everyone agreed to the proposed budget.

2. Paoli Pike Trail, Segment B, MTF Grant Letter of Support – Jason reported that segments F & G are done, C, D & E are on schedule and will open around Thanksgiving. Segment A is funded and engineering has started. Segment B from Ellis Lane to Reservoir Road needs to get easements before they can apply for a grant. Under the CFA-MTF Grant they can apply for up to \$3Million and a waiver of the \$1M match. Jason mentioned that, because of COVID-19, grant expiration dates have been extended. Everyone agreed to give support. Dan will sign the letter of support. Dan commented that he heard they will use rubber fencing 3 feet high in areas with slopes. Jason will check on this.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Paoli Pike Trail Rules and Regulations – Jason reviewed some of the rules and regulations currently used on the County trail. Pet leashes are 6 feet and they must clean up after them. Bikes are 15 mph. Helmets are required for children under 12. No bikes on the East Goshen Park trail. Jason suggested a bike emblem with an “x” through it be painted on the East Goshen Trail. Stay on the right, pass on the left, warn when passing. Dan commented that he was at the Ridley Creek Park and bikes were on the right and walkers on the left. Inline skates, skateboards, PRC 9-3-20 final

segways and hoverboards were discussed. No motorized vehicles except ADA. Joe commented that people are responsible for their safety. Walking with headsets is a problem. If they aren't responding, you have to slow down. Jason will send the rules to the BOS. The rules will be posted in the park, on the trail, online, etc. He wants to make a few short videos of what the public needs to know about right and wrong uses.

2. Amphitheater Band Shell – Jason measured the space at 55 ft wide by 35 ft deep. Of the designs he showed, everyone liked the curved roof. Jason estimates the cost of the shell, at \$67,000, and installation at a total of \$125,000 so it may be too expensive. Have to use wood vs metal. Jason suggested the top be installed with no walls. The Commission members agreed to wait until the entire shell can be installed. Jason will contact the man who helped with the design of the playground.

3. Review park facilities, programming and events status – Jason reported that the park is seeing a 33% increase in use. Organized sports leagues have started and football starts next week. Fitness sessions are being held in the park instead of the Township building. There have been dance recitals in the park. Joe voiced concern about the number of people playing on the basketball courts.

The Pumpkin Festival will be cancelled. Only 250 people are allowed. Options for Halloween were discussed.

Christmas Tree Lighting – Jason spoke to the dancers about doing this event virtually so people can see it from their homes.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Upcoming Events – a. Robotic Lego after school camp in September; b. Applebrook story walks Eric Carle editions in September; c. Township Yard Sale September 26; d. East Goshen Joke Days in October; e. Halloween house decorating contest in late October; f. EGT Jeopardy – Marvel & Star Wars editions in November; g. Neighbor -Neighbor Day in November; and h. Christmas Tree Lighting in December virtual.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. The East Goshen Park is all open. The ball fields are all booked up.

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 8:20 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday October 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary