

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting  
October 1, 2020**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 1, 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 and veterans, police and first responders & Kishor Thakarar and his family.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dan commented that the East Goshen Park has been very busy every day.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Paoli Pike Trail Rules and Regulations – Jason reviewed the written rules and regulations he presented to the Board of Supervisors. The BOS suggested that it be titled Trail Use Guidance and Etiquette instead of Rules and Regulations. Joe questioned item B in the prohibited items. Is the Paoli Pike Trail 24/7 and the East Goshen/Applebrook trails closed from Sunset to Sunrise? He and Jason will work on the wording for this item. When the BOS approves them Jason will put them on the web site and social media. Jason reported that construction should be done by Halloween. Then there will be various inspections. So, some time in November a ribbon cutting could be held for this part and next Spring a grand opening for the entire trail. Joe brought up the fact that the East Goshen Park trails are not maintained in the winter. Jason commented that as part of the grants the Township will be responsible for maintaining the Paoli Pike Trail in the winter.

2. Review park facilities, programming and events status – Jason reported that he has been to the East Goshen Park every day between 4 and 6 p.m. There are legos, story walks, flag football, baseball, walkers, dance recitals, fitness and mental health groups. He noticed that people are being very respectful and keeping the required distance.

The Yard Sale had to be moved from Saturday to Sunday because of rain. There were 10 vendors in the park. Peter reported that there were lots of cars stopping at his house. The map was great.

Applebrook Golf – Jason usually has about 60 people for this event. This year he sold out at 100 last week!

The Butterfly Garden – Jason wants to acknowledge the volunteers from Deputy-Synthes, a Johnson & Johnson company. He may do a ribbon cutting at the garden.

The Pumpkin Festival is canceled for this year. He will put out a notice.

Halloween – Jason mentioned that the BOS asked him to write a statement to encourage people but not make any definite statement about dates and times.

3. Amphitheater Band Shell – Jason measured the space at 55 ft wide by 35 ft deep. He got in touch with Kevin Umbreit who helped design the playground. Jason provided 5 different designs and the costs for each. The Board members liked the Camden, Brandywine and Litchfield models the best. Providing shade at sunset and acoustics were discussed. Jason feels he can get grant funding the same way he did for the playground.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Upcoming Events – a. EGT Joke Days will be held every Tuesday in October. Send “Dad” joke videos to Jason.  
b. Pumpkin Bowling will be held on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 10-2 pm. The cost is \$5 and each child must register and bring their own pumpkin. Everyone gets a ribbon and the winners get trophies.

c. NRPA Gold Medal Announcement (Oct. 27 at 7 pm) - This will be virtual this year. Jason will forward the link when he gets it. We are in Category 5 with 3 other finalists. They want a 60 second main video and 30 second video of each community reacting as if we won. They provided Jason with a banner which he will use in the videos. He described his plans for the videos. Ed suggested doing one at the main entrance to East Goshen Park.

d. Halloween house decorating contest will be held in late October.

e. EGT Jeopardy – Marvel & Star Wars editions will be held in November.

f. Neighbor to Neighbor Day – will be held in November. They do the same 4-5 yards each year and the owners are very grateful.

g. Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration – Jason feels at this point that we can have this event. They will not be able to have the children sit on Santa’s lap so he thinks he will have him come to the park on a firetruck and give out candy. The dance groups are interested in participating.

Volunteers –

a. Nancy Daversa, the Township Poet Laureate - Jason wants to recognize her for all she did especially with the escape room events. This is her last year in this position.

b. Aarushi Jain – Volunteered and has been helping with the planning of the Teen events for the past 4 years. The Board members agreed that she should be the “Volunteer of the Year”.

### **PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

1. The Public Works Department is doing road maintenance at this time of the year. They are also at the East Goshen Park 4 times per day to clean the restrooms, etc. This year the number of doggie bags used is 4 times more than any other year.

Jason reported that the ball bearing in the globe spinner in the playground broke. It is under warranty and a new part has been ordered.

### **ANY OTHER MATTER.**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Deb moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday November 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary