

Park Commission
Agenda
Thursday, January 7, 2021
7:00 PM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting.
- E. Chairman's Report

- F. New Business
 - 1. 2021 Park and Recreation Commission Reorganization
 - 2. Recognize incoming Park and Recreation Commission members
 - 3. Recommendation – 2021 Community Day date

- G. Old Business
 - 1. Discussion - 2021 Park Commission Goals
 - 2. Update – Holiday House Decorating Contest
 - 3. Update – “Stuff Santa’s Sleigh” donation drive

- H. Recreation Director Report
 - 1. Upcoming events
 - a. EGTV – various Jeopardy editions
 - 2. Park Maintenance Report

- I. Liaison reports
- J. Any Other Matter
- K. Public Opinion
- L. Adjournment

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
December 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 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 Daniel Leicht at 7:00 pm. Commission members present are highlighted:

Daniel Leicht, Chairman

Deborah Snyder, Vice Chairman

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.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recognize Volunteer of the Year – Jason introduced Aarushi Jani a high school senior, who has helped him since 2016 with the Teen Film Fest and the Teen Awesome Fest. He showed pictures of her with the different groups she has worked with. He presented her with a plaque. Aarushi appreciated the award and spoke about how she started as a freshman and how things grew through the years. This was the first Volunteer of the Year award and Jason wants to continue giving it.

2. 2021 Park and Recreation Commission Goals – Jason announced that the annual ABC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Danny and Jason will put together the accomplishments for 2020. Jason spoke about the tremendous use of the parks this year because of the pandemic. He feels the goals for 2021 will be what should have been done in 2020. He explained that Township Capital Projects for 2020 are on hold except the two dams. Hershey Mill Dam work has started and Milltown Dam will start in 2022. Segment A of the trail will start next Spring. The goals can be finalized at the January meeting.

3. Paoli Pike Trail – Jason commented that the trail is officially open. They had a small ribbon cutting with just about 15 people about two weeks ago. Since the trail goes by the front of the Township Building, he can see people using it from his office walking and/or biking all day long. He is working on a map that shows the mileage of the segments and will install mile markers.

4. Reorganization for 2021 – Jason reminded everyone that the Commission will have to reorganize at the January meeting. He asked them to think about taking a position or nominating someone. He mentioned Ed Coyle's resignation and all the time Ed put in helping at the events. He has received a few applications.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Paoli Pike Trail Fill – Jason spoke to the Malvern office about the fill that is left over from the trail. They aren’t ready to start their Pump Track project yet. He will notify the baseball leagues about the significant decrease in the size of the parking lot. Joe feels the most usage is in Applebrook. Kishor was at the Dunkin intersection but had to think about crossing. Jason explained that when the button is pushed all of the lights turn red. Joe spoke about cars and bikes and right turns. Kishor hopes the car drivers get used to walkers and bikers at the crossings. He mentioned that some of the children in his neighborhood are biking with their parents on the trail.

2. Jeopardy Event – Jason had two families on zoom and used the Jeopardy website which made it seem like they were on TV. When they went to the final round, both families had the same score. He is going to edit the tape and put it on UTube. He is going to make up some more similar games.

3. Movie in the Park – The Boy Scouts had the Movie in the Park. The movie was the “Grinch Who Stole Christmas”. They sold 200 tickets. The families were so appreciative of being able to get out and do something safely. Jason will do this once a year with or without the scouts. Kishor mentioned that his neighbors loved it and want it again. Also, they complimented the police for handling the traffic. They got home in minutes.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Upcoming Events –

1. Christmas Tree Lighting – The Tree Lighting, which was scheduled for tomorrow night December 4th, has been rescheduled to next Friday, December 11th because of the weather.

2. Holiday House Decorating Contest- Jason mentioned that the only comment he got last year was that the voting was only done via FaceBook. So, this year he will use FaceBook but he will also have the Park & Recreation Commission and Board of Supervisors vote. The voting will go until December 21st. A notice will go out to the public tomorrow.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. The Public Works Department has closed the fields for the winter. The shade in the playground will be taken down. Jason commented about the great job that the Public Works Department has done and continues to do. Mark Miller, Director of Public Works, was presented with the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry award for outstanding service to the community.

ANY OTHER MATTER.

1. Joe mentioned that on the expenditure report there was \$4,200 for Community Day. Jason explained that this is a non-refundable deposit he gave them last year. However, we will get half of it back for 2021. There was an expenditure for golf tournaments. Jason commented that he had two events one in June (110 participants) and one in September (120 participants). Both golf and tennis were up in usage this year. The Summer Program was budgeted for \$2,700 but cost was \$8,000. Jason explained this was for the Covid related supplies he needed to have the children safe. There was a grant for this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. Kishor seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday January 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

Memo

To: Park and Recreation Commission
From: Jason Lang, Director of Parks and Recreation
Re: 2021 Community Day date
Date: January 4, 2021

Overview:

Each year, the Board of Supervisors seeks a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Commission to set Community Day's event date. The event typically falls on the final Saturday in June. As in past years, the Friends of East Goshen (501c3) will support the event by raising donations to offset the Township's expenses. The event is budgeted at \$29,058 to include Public Works support.

Recommended Motion: The Park and Recreation Commission recommends scheduling the Community Day event for Saturday, June 26, 2021 with a rain date of June 27, 2021.

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2020 Goals

1. Develop marketing, programming and trail rules for Paoli Pike Trail (CP, PROS, MP). **Green**
2. Develop plan for 2021 Full Day summer camp program at East Goshen Elementary (PROS). **Green**
3. Finalize design elements for the amphitheater band shell in preparation for 2021 grant applications (PROS, MP). **Green/Pause**
4. Offer nature and art focused programming. Will partner with WC Garden Club to offer Nature Warriors Program; Photography Shop to offer filmmaking and photo camps; Young Rembrandts to offer youth art programming (PROS). **Pause**
5. Host WCUPA's Carnival of Ruin—a theatrical performance with sustainability at its core. **Pause**
6. Fellow ABCs—consider yourself challenged at this year's Pumpkin Festival!!! **Pause**

CP = Comprehensive Plan; PROS: Open Space Plan; MP = EGT Park Master Plan

2021 Goals

1. Promote, program and monitor Paoli Pike Trail usage
2. Execute 2020 Goals -2/4/5/6
3. Prepare park for post COVID-19 events and programming
4. Formalize "Volunteer of the Year" program targeting early 2021 park beautification projects

Where do we go from here?

- a. ABC Kickoff Meeting - 1/26/21 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom
 - i. We present recommended 2021 goals and progress towards 2020 goals/successes
- b. BOS discusses and approves goals

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