

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
November 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, November 5, 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 7:00 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

Deb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deb asked for a moment of silence to remember our military and veterans, police and first responders.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Paoli Pike Trail Fill – Jason explained that the dirt that was removed for the Paoli Pike Trail was stored in the parking lot at the Millcreek ballfield off Goshen Parkway. Some of the dirt will be used in Applebrook near the Chamber of Commerce. Jason mentioned that Pump Tracks are becoming popular. He described it as a dirt path with slight bumps for bikers to use. Malvern has one in their Master Plan. It is a family activity and any age can use it. The Township crew could do the work. However, Jason would want a professional to design it. It is typically ¼ acre. It could not be put in East Goshen Park. Applebrook can be considered. If it is kept in Millcreek, he would definitely want a designer to look at the area and determine if both the ballfield and the pump track would fit. It will take a few years. Also, when he spoke to Malvern their timeframe was 2-5 years. He may offer the dirt to them and in return, East Goshen residents would be allowed to use the Malvern pump track.

2. Acknowledge NRPA Gold Medal Finalist Award- Jason reviewed the virtual meeting where they gave these awards. They showed the videos that each municipality submitted. East Goshen is again the only finalist from PA. The plaque will be hung in the Township Building. They were given a banner which will be great to display at Township events. The Commission members all thanked Jason for all he has done for East Goshen and the residents.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Paoli Pike Trail Rules and Regulations – Jason commented that there will be 2 more weeks of inspections and then the trail will be open to the public. A full scale ribbon cutting will be done later. Jason made a video showing the do's and don't's and rules of the trail. He will also make a short video of the trail which will be available to the public.

2. Review park facilities, programming and events status – Jason mentioned that summer/fall sports are done. However, with this beautiful weather we are having right now the park and playground are still very busy.
3. Christmas Tree Lighting – This event is planned for Friday December 4, 2020. The dancers want to be involved on the stage. Carmen Battavio will be Santa and will arrive on a fire truck. The truck will park near the exit playing music so the kids can see Santa as their cars leave the park. Jason wants to live stream the event if possible.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Upcoming Events –

1. Neighbor-to-Neighbor – This is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2020. He has 30-40 volunteers ready to rake leaves for senior citizens.
2. Drive-in Movie (Scouts event) – This is scheduled for Saturday, November 28, 2020. They will only be able to have 200 cars. They will be showing “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas”.
3. Christmas Tree Lighting – This is scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2020.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. The Public Works Department is getting the fields ready to close for the winter. Mark Miller’s purchase of doggie bags is up 400% this year!!

ANY OTHER MATTER.

1. Chris mentioned that she was almost hit by cyclists on the East Goshen Park trail. She spoke to them. They didn’t know they couldn’t ride bikes in the East Goshen Park. Jason feels 20-30% of park users don’t get his notices.
2. Ed Coyle announced that his term on the Commission is up this year. He is not going to renew it. He has enjoyed working with everyone and commended Jason for all he does. Jason thanked Ed for all of the volunteering he and his family did while on the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ed moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday December 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary