

**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.

## **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 4<sup>th</sup>, has been rescheduled to next Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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