

Park Commission
Agenda
Thursday, February 4, 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 January 7, 2021 meeting.
- E. Chairman's Report

- F. New Business
 - 1. Discussion – Volunteer of the Year program
 - 2. Discussion – Carnival of Ruin, Public Education campaign
 - 3. Discussion – Township Egg Hunt logistics
 - 3. Recommendation – Begin AAD sun safety program

- G. Old Business
 - 1. Update - 2021 ABC Kickoff Meeting
 - 2. Update – 2021 Community Day date
 - 3. Update - 2021 Programming
 - 4. Update – Eagle Scout Project, bocce court

- H. Recreation Director Report
 - 1. Upcoming events
 - a. Camp registration started on Feb 2
 - b. Feb 9 – East HS Environmental Club zoom with EGT kids
 - 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
January 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 7, 2021. 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
Karen Battavio – new member
Jessica Bottaro – new memeber
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Peter Knupp
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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 December 3, 2020 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

1. Dan announced that Christine Taraborelli has resigned. He commented that she served well and was a vital asset. He wishes her well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 Reorganization - Dan asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Jessica is a nurse. She has lived in East Goshen for 21 years. Her girls have come to the summer camp and she wants to give back.

Karen is a retired teacher. She is busy with her grandchildren.

Dan is a retired police detective. He is the baseball coach for East High School.

Ann Marie has been on the Board since the 1990’s. She loves the park. Her 4 children have gone to the camp and helped at events.

Eric has been on the board for 4-5 years. He is an avid park user and hockey and baseball coach.

Deb has been on the board 3-4 years and wants to give back. She started the Senior card, rummy and mahjong groups.

Joe has been a resident for 33 years and on the board for 8 years. He enjoys watching plans come to fruition.

Pete has been on the board for 5 years. He joined when they were planning the new playground. His house backs up to the playground.

John is a new township supervisor. Has been a resident for 17 years.

Jason welcomed the new members.

Ann Marie nominated Dan for Chairman. Deb seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

Dan nominated Deb for Vice Chair. Ann Marie seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

Dan nominated Peter for Secretary. Deb seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

1 2. 2021 Community Day –Jason mentioned that they have to recommend a date for Community Day to the Board
2 of Supervisors. He suggested June 26 with June 27 raindate. This will kick off the summer. Usually about 3,000
3 people attend. Joe commented that assuming COVID-19 restrictions are still in effect in June schedule a date in
4 August. Dan agreed. Jason mentioned that we could tie it into the Food Truck & Music Festival in August. That
5 could mean 4,000 – 5,000 people would attend. Joe suggested presenting both dates with the pros and cons to the
6 BOS. Jessica commented that parking is usually an issue for one big event. Jason explained how they handle a
7 very large crowd. Jason is looking forward to welcoming the community back for the park. Eric suggested having
8 the Food Truck Festival in June with 1,500 people and Community Day in August. If we can't have it in June
9 because of the pandemic, then combine the Food Truck Festival with the Community Day in August. There was
10 discussion about having tickets to control the number of people attending. Jason will type up a memo and send it to
11 the Park & Recreation members before going to the BOS.
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13 **OLD BUSINESS**

14 1. 2021 Park and Recreation Commission Goals – Jason reminded everyone that the annual ABC meeting will be
15 held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm. After discussion, the accomplishments for 2020 and goals for 2021
16 were finalized. Dan and Jason will make the presentation at the ABC meeting.
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18 2.Update – Holiday House Decorating Contest - Jason will deliver the plaque to the winner tomorrow.
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20 3. Update – Stuff Santa's Sleigh – Jason explained what the Friends of East Goshen do. Carmen Battavio had an
21 idea for a donation drive to raise funds to provide food for families in East Goshen. Jason thought they would
22 collect about \$1,000. He bought \$3,000 worth of gift cards at the Giant to distribute. He was very pleased and
23 thankful to those who donated.
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25 4. Paoli Pike Trail Dirt – Some of the dirt at Millcreek has been moved to behind the Applebrook maintenance
26 building. He made an offer to Malvern, but they turned it down.
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28 5. Update on Paoli Pike Trail – They still need to get the right-of-way for the next segment from Reservoir Road to
29 Airport Road. They will probably start next Spring.
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31 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

32 Upcoming Events – Jason will type a list of 2021 events and the anticipated dates for them. He will send it out
33 tomorrow. The Yard Sale will be held at the Township Building since the Paoli Pike Trail is done there. He wants
34 to have small events along the Trail such as an art expo.
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36 **PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

37 1. The Public Works Department has closed the fields for the winter. The Veterans Pavilion is also closed. The
38 Zip Line at the Playground needs to be repaired.
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40 **ADJOURNMENT**

41 There being no further business, Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The
42 meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday February 4, 2021 at 7:00
43 p.m.
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45 Respectfully submitted,
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49 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

Carnival of Ruin

Public Education – Township Sustainable Advisory Committee

Overview: The public education campaign's goals are to:

- Educate event participants about sustainability considerations at home, in their community and across the environment.
- Increase the general population's awareness to sustainable living principles and promote "sustainability ambassadors".
- Generate interest in the Carnival of Ruin and reinforce its mission and goals.

The campaign will include:

- Seven public education segments that will be sent to event participants
- Each segment will be no more than 60 seconds in length or be static pictures with narrative
- Segments will also be posted on social media for general public consumption

Assessment

- We will request CoR participants take a survey before (April 1) and after the event (early June) to gauge the educational campaign's impact.

Topic Areas

- Recycle This, Not That
- Tips to Reduce Energy Use
- How to Make Plarn
- Fun Facts About Water
- How to Make Natural Cleaners
- Ditch the Plastics
- Clean streams start in our front lawn

All segments open with CoR/SAC logos to on screen talent. Talent then welcomes audience, states name, excited for CoR and then launches into dialogue. Ends with "see you at the show (or whatever CoR wants) and then CoR/SAC logos pop up with event date, fade out.

1. Recycle This, Not That

- a. Props: old pizza box, plastic bottles, etc. (see list), recycling can with/without lid
- b. Dialogue (CoR crew – feel free to put in the Carnival Barker's voice):
 - i. "Recycling is an amazing way you can contribute to a more sustainable community, but we all know it is super confusing, what can I recycle and what should I throw away??? Well here goes! Glass bottle, what do you think? That's an easy one, of course! How about this greasy pizza box? Tough one, but no! Recycling needs to be clean and dry, so no greasy boxes, bottles or containers! How about this banana peel? Nope, sorry, this can go in your compost though! How about this Styrofoam box – no way my friend! These take over 500 years to

break down, you should stay away from them if you can! Address plastic bags
*official response coming*For a comprehensive list, check out the PA DEP
website!" "See you at the show outro"

- c. Source: Recycle this, not that (from PA DEP website):

www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/GetDocument?docId=1438038&DocName=HOW TO PREPARE YOUR RECYCLING BIN%3A GENERAL GUIDELINES.PDF 3%2F9%2F2021

2. Fun Facts About Water

- a. Props: 26 gallons of water, teaspoon, water flask, toothbrush
- b. Dialogue (CoR crew – feel free to put in the Carnival Barker’s voice):
- i. Water is so amazing! It covers $\frac{3}{4}$ of our planet which is mind blowing, but only 0.5% is fresh water we can drink. To put this into perspective, I have 26 gallons of water here that represents all the water on our planet...now, everyone at home, how much of this do you think represents fresh water we can use??? A gallon... a quart? If you guessed $\frac{1}{2}$ of a teaspoon (as he pulls the teaspoon from his pocket) you guessed right! Now you can see why it’s so important we conserve what we can use. Here are some things you can do right now to use less water. Get that leaky faucet fixed! A leak of one drop per second adds up to 165 gallons in a month! Here’s another one, (pretend to shower), take 5 minute showers instead of baths –that’ll save you 35 gallons every time! and after that shower, turn off the water while you’re brushing your teeth (toothbrush in hand) Oh here’s one you’re going to love...doing dishes by hand is tedious isn’t? Well good news, throw them in the automatic dishwasher! That can save you 2000 gallons a year! Well after all that talk about water, I’m parched (take out water flask and take sip) “Outro”
- c. Sources: <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/arwec/water-facts-ww-water-sup.html>

<https://www.pointpark.edu/About/Sustainability/FunFacts#:~:text=%20Fun%20Facts%20about%20Sustainability%20%201%20Water.,If%20copied%20on%20both%20sides,%20the...%20More>

3. How to make plarn

- a. Already in the can from 2020 marketing, or we can reshoot. Jason would update video with logos and new event dates.

4. Tips to Reduce Energy Use

- a. Props: standard and CFL light bulb, banana, window frame, tube of caulk
- b. Dialogue: Today we’ll be talking about energy, and not the kind that comes in this banana (tosses half eaten banana off frame), I’m talking about the kind that powers our cars, our houses and our communities. The only problem is; we use a lot of it! The US accounts for 26% of the world’s energy use but only 5% of its population. But there is a light (wink, wink, smirk) at the end of the tunnel. Solar and wind options are becoming

more viable every day, but at home, here are some tips you can use to reduce energy use and save yourself a couple of dollars along the way. If you haven't already, switch out all your old standard light bulbs for new fluorescent bulbs. They use 75% less energy and pay for themselves in about 9 months! Here's another simple one, make sure your windows are air tight! A crack as small as 1/16th of an inch around a window frame can let in as much cold air as leaving the window open three inches, who knew! Another great one is using a programmable thermostat, they can set energy needs based on your family lifestyle and pay for themselves in 1-2 years. Looking for a new major appliance? Energy star rated appliances are so efficient these days they use less energy than that old standard light bulb! That's it for now, check out the US Dept of Energy website for more energy saving ideas...now, I need a little more energy myself, where did that banana go? Walk off frame

5. How to Make Natural Cleaners

- a. Props: microwave, glass bowl, glass bottle with spray nozzle, vinegar, oranges/lemons, water, dish scrubber, bottle of "standard" cleaner, club soda, corn starch, essential oil
- b. Dialogue: If you look around any old house, you would find a treasure trove of household cleaning products, and they all say "keep away from children"...which makes me think they should also say "keep away from the earth" (sweep bottle to ground)! But we all need to keep our houses clean, and there are some pretty cool everyday items you can use to clean, disinfect and sanitize your home. Some of these are vinegar, baking soda, borax and citrus fruits that can all be found right down the street at your local grocery store! Ok, so let's make one together! To make a kitchen sanitizing solution, simply mix one cup vinegar, one cup club soda and if you want a pleasant scent, a few drops of an essential oil. I have eucalyptus here which is my favorite! Ok here's another one, a simple glass cleaner...all you need are 1/4 cup vinegar, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, and 4 cups warm water, shake it up and there you go! Last one, the insides of microwaves are super gross! A quick fix is mixing 6 tablespoons baking soda, 1/2 cup lemon juice with 1 cup water and microwave it until it boils, then just leave it in until it cools! The steam will help loosen up the gunk and the baking soda and lemon will have it smelling brand new! Outro.

6. Ditch the Plastics

- a. Props: metal fork and knife, paper straw, reusable bag, water flask, ask for cardboard or paper for carryout rather than Styrofoam, fresh veggies
- b. Dialogue: Plastic is everywhere and not going anywhere! What I mean by not going anywhere is that it doesn't decompose...literally all the plastic you see today will be here forever. Just take a look at some of these photos, these aren't far off lands, these were taken right here in East Goshen Township in our parks along Ridley Creek. Ok, ok, three wow facts about plastics...one, there is more micro-plastic in the ocean right now than there are stars in the Milky Way (look up at the sky). Two, we are swallowing and breathing a credit card size of plastic every week, gross and three, we can So recycling is great, but reducing how much we all use is even better! So here goes (do this rapid fire, talking fast and being very animated) – replace this (plastic spoon) with this (metal

spoon), carry it in your bag, done! Use this (water flask) instead of these (water bottles) Don't use this (plastic straw being put into flask), use this instead (metal straw) or you can simply drink like this (take a swig with your lips), ahh delicious! Forget about plastic bags, bring your own reusable bags, and they are stronger! Like eating out, of course you do! Ask for cardboard takeout or ask your favorite restaurant to switch away from Styrofoam. Wax paper, good, aluminum foil, better, plastic wrap not so much!

7. Clean streams start in our front lawn

- a. Props: Engine oil, cigarette butts, coffee lids
- b. Dialogue: Stormwater is a big deal! A super, gigantic, fantabulous big deal, because the rains that come down from the heavens, hit our rooftops, streets and lawns eventually make their way into our bodies of water. Here in Chester County it is the main contributor to water quality pollution. But have no fear, small changes at home can make a big difference! Never pour liquids or any substance into a storm drain. These drains are directly connected to the local stream! And it's against the law!! Cigarette butts, coffee/ drink cups & lids, plastic drink bottles - don't drop these on the ground or in parking lots! Keep a small bag in your car for trash and dispose of it when you get to a recycle or trash can. Fixing car fluid leaks helps avoid chemicals from collecting on parking lots and being washed into storm drains, then into streams during rain events. Pick up pet waste, eww yuk (with doggie bag in hand), pet droppings contain bacteria and parasites as well as nutrients, all of which create water quality problems. Every time it rains, pet waste left to decay can be washed into streams and storm drains. Even when it is not raining, these droppings are unsafe and unhealthy to be left in areas where children play such as parkland and along County trails. Carry disposable bags and pick up your pet's waste when out on walks or in your yard. Bag it, seal it and deposit it in a trash can or waste receptacle. With spring here, consider organizer fertilizers, or you can leave grass clippings in place. If you do use standard fertilizers, avoid putting down on windy days, sweep excess of paved areas and only apply what is recommended...extra fertilizer becomes extra fertilizer in our water.



Egg Hunt – Saturday 4/3

- A. 9am – 9:30am; 3 and under
- B. 10:00am – 10:30am; 4 – 5 YO
- C. 11am – 11:30am; 6 – 7 YO
- D. 12pm – 8-10 YO

Logistics:

Easter Bunny up in lift waving; no contact or pictures

Egg boxes divided and staged for individual time slots

No prizes, just what is in eggs

Must have tix; available on eastgoshenrec.com

100 kids max per time slot

No social media marketing; only email and newsletter

Masking & social distancing

Memo

To: Park and Recreation Commission
From: Jason Lang
Re: Sun Safety Program
Date: January 29, 2021

Overview:

East Goshen Township Park is an amazing place filled with lots of users on a daily basis. The new playground has been a huge hit with kids playing all day long. While there is some shade in the play space, most notably a shade sail generously donated by the Friends of East Goshen in 2019. That said, the Department of Parks and Recreation wants to increase efforts to educate and support families about sun safety.

About the AAD (American Academy of Dermatologists Association)

National membership-based organization of dermatologists focused on best practices and public education. They offer a free tool kit the Township could use to raise awareness and adherence to sun safety best practices. The Parks and Rec Director would contact local Dermatologists with the goal of having them speak on site or via video conference in the early spring months.

Additional program benefit:

AAD also has a shade grant program offering up to \$8000 towards the purchase of a new shade structure. The shade square over the sand area was approximately \$8000. Part of the application process is having a sun safety program in place for at least one year prior. The application period is (Oct – Dec), so we could certainly apply in 2022, but I would petition to apply at the end of 2021.



Motion: I recommend beginning the AAD Sun Shade Program effective immediately.

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East Goshen Township Department of Parks and Recreation

2021 Programming

Name	Date	Notes
East HS Environmental Club; Kid's Zoom	Feb	Partnership with EAST HS Environmental Club
Yoga, Pilates, Zumba	Virtual; indoor TBD	
Senior Cards	indoor TBD	
PRPS Conference	Virtual; March 9 - 12	
Egg Hunt	April 3	Significant pandemic changes; ticketed event or age groups spread throughout the day, TBD
Baseball	Spring	outsourced
Football	Spring	outsourced
Youth Soccer	Spring	outsourced
Brandywine Baseball	Spring	outsourced
Healthy Kids Running Series	Spring	outsourced
Basketball	Spring	outsourced
Nature Warriors	Spring	Partnership with WC Garden Club
Spring Yard Sale	May 1	
Adult Tennis Clinics	Tuesdays spring	outsourced
WC Junior Tennis League	Saturdays spring	outsourced
Applebrook Golf Outings	May, June, Sept	
Carnival of Ruin	May 29	Partnership with West Chester Univ.
Dog Walks	TBD x 4	Along the Paoli Pike Trail
Family Chalk Art Challenge	TBD, early summer	Along the Paoli Pike Trail
Summer Art Expo	TBD	Along the Paoli Pike Trail
Movie in the park	TBD	Partnership with Gary Mercer Group
EGT Bike Day	TBD	Partnership with West Chester Bike Center
Food Truck & Music Festival	June 26	
Summer REC Camp	June 28 – July 30	Full Day camp planning underway; may need to remain at half day pending COVID-19/WCASD usage
Beginner Robotic Lego Camp	June 21 - 25	

Beginner Robotic Lego Camp	July 26 - 30	
Intermediate Robotic Lego Camp	July 12 – 16	
Rocketry Camp	August 9 – 13 (AM)	
Cartooning Camp	August 9 – 13 (PM)	
Young Rembrandts (Art Camps)	Summer	outsourced
Filmmaking Camp (the Photography Workshop)	Summer	outsourced
Photography Camp (the Photography Workshop)	Summer	outsourced
Just Tennis Youth Camp	Summer	outsourced
Blacksmith Shop Escape Room	Summer	
Preschool Entertainment Series	Tuesdays in July	
SE PA Teen Filmmakers Showcase	August 9-11	Partnership with Movie Tavern Exton
Community Day	August 28	
NRPA Conference	Sept 21 - 23	
Blacksmith Shop Ghost Walk	September	
Star Party (star gazing)	September	Partnership with Chester County Astronomical Society
Fall Yard Sale	October 2	
Pickle ball Tournament	October 2	
Scouts Movie Night	Early fall	Partnership with Boy Scout Troop 122
Pumpkin Festival	October 16	
Afterschool Cartooning	October, once per week	
Neighbor to Neighbor Day	November 14	Various partners
Stuff Santa's donation drive	December	FOEG
Tree Lighting and Holiday house Decorating Contest	December 3	
NYC Holiday Bus Trip	December 4	
Santa's Workshop Toy Hunt (blacksmith shop)	Mid-December	