

**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 member**  
**Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore**  
**Peter Knupp**  
**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 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.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. 2021 Park and Recreation Commission Goals – Jason reminded everyone that the annual ABC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm. After discussion, the accomplishments for 2020 and goals for 2021 were finalized. Dan and Jason will make the presentation at the ABC meeting.

2. Update – Holiday House Decorating Contest - Jason will deliver the plaque to the winner tomorrow.

3. Update – Stuff Santa's Sleigh – Jason explained what the Friends of East Goshen do. Carmen Battavio had an idea for a donation drive to raise funds to provide food for families in East Goshen. Jason thought they would collect about \$1,000. He bought \$3,000 worth of gift cards at the Giant to distribute. He was very pleased and thankful to those who donated.

4. Paoli Pike Trail Dirt – Some of the dirt at Millcreek has been moved to behind the Applebrook maintenance building. He made an offer to Malvern, but they turned it down.

5. Update on Paoli Pike Trail – They still need to get the right-of-way for the next segment from Reservoir Road to Airport Road. They will probably start next Spring.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

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

### **PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Joe 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 February 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary