

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting  
February 4, 2021**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 4, 2021. 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. Dan will join later. 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**  
Doug Staffelbach – new member  
**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 January 7, 2021 meeting were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1. Deb mentioned that she spoke with Christine Taraborelli and her son has been selected for trial studies at U of Penn.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Volunteer of the Year Program - Jason wants to formalize a Volunteer of the Year Program with standards. Anyone interested in helping with the standards please let him know. About 4 or 5 years ago Deb started a card club for senior citizens. It went from once a month to several days a week. He presented her with a certificate of appreciation for all she did with this program. He wants to recognize people who volunteer at events and select one as the volunteer of the year. Karen asked how many are involved. Jason commented that the formal volunteers that help with the summer camp is about 15. For events about 50-60. For the summer camp staff he does a CIT (Counselor in Training), staff rookie and camp staff MVP. Eric suggested making some announcements at the events. Jason will email a list of ideas.

2. Carnival of Ruin – This is being presented by the Theater group from West Chester University. It is a public education project about sustainability. All of the materials are recyclable. He is partnering with the WCU Statistics Department. Attendees will do a survey when they arrive and one after the show to see what they got from it. This is scheduled for May 29.

3. Egg Hunt – This is planned for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Saturday before Easter. There are usually 1,000+ people. They will still have to mask, social distance, etc. He will move it to the baseball fields. The bunny will be on a fire truck where the kids can say hi but can't sit on his lap. There will be 4 age groups. He will allocate 30 minutes for each group to get their eggs and 30 minutes between each group to set up. There will only be 100 kids per time slot. He will let the public know about the time slots and they will have to register. He will not market this on social media.

4. AAD Sun Safety Program – Jason is on the PA State Health Committee. One thing they are concerned about is putting more shade for the kids in the playgrounds. Jason wants to start the AAD Sun Safety Program. After one year in the program we would qualify for a shade sail worth \$8,000. The one we have from Friends of East Goshen cost \$8,000. We need a local dermatologist to sponsor. Jason did reach out to a few. Several members made suggestions. Dan made a motion to start the AAD Sun Safety Program. Deb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. ABC Annual Planning Meeting – Jason reported that he and Dan attended this kick-off meeting and gave a report on the parks and how COVID impacted them. All of the Board of Supervisors and members of the ABCs were very appreciative of all that the Park and Recreation Commission does.

2. 2021 Community Day – Jason made the presentation to the BOS and they agreed to have it the end of August. Under new restrictions we can have 2,500 people. He contacted the fireworks company. For the Food Truck Festival, the PRC will not make a decision until April to possibly have this event in June. He will speak to the food truck vendors who understand the restrictions on an event like this. Joe mentioned that Philadelphia has pushed back several big events until the fall. It was suggested to move it to the Pumpkin Festival. However, Jason feels it will be difficult to keep it at 2500 people. Maybe have the Pumpkin Festival in early morning and Food Truck Festival later in the evening.

3. 2021 Programming – Jason reviewed the spreadsheet he provided of programs for 2021. The Chester Co. Art Assoc. will bring artists out along the Paoli Pike Trail. No date yet. Bike safety event will include helmets, bike demonstrations with the latest bikes. Summer Camp – he is waiting to see if they can use Glen Acres Elementary School. He will have ½ day in the park (if no school) and full day in the school. He opened registration on Monday and all 70 spots were gone in 2 days. It is a high quality camp, the staff is fantastic and some of them came to the camp as kids. Parents know that because we did a program last year, we can deliver a safe camp.

4. Eagle Scout Project, Bocce Court – This court will be installed by the Veterans Pavilion. The scout did a presentation last year and started working on the design. Because of COVID he had to wait. He has a full design and has raised the money for the project. Jason and Mark Miller will meet with him. He wants to do it in the spring.

### **PARK MAINTENANCE**

1. Jason reported that they are busy with snow removal right now. Around March 1<sup>st</sup> they start to get the fields ready. The fields usually open on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

Karen Battavio commented that as a new member she is glad to be a part of the Commission. She wasn't aware of how much you all do.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Deb 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 March 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary