

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**May 6, 2021**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Because of the restrictions due to COVID-19, the meeting was held via Zoom virtual conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Deb Snyder at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present are highlighted:

Daniel Leicht, Chairman  
**Deborah Snyder, Vice Chairman**  
**Karen Battavio**  
**Jessica Bottaro**  
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore  
**Peter Knupp**  
Doug Staffelbach  
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 March 4, 2021 meeting were approved. The April meeting was cancelled.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Select Community Day and "OktoberFEST" Food Truck Festival Vendors - Jason mentioned that he hasn't received many food truck applications yet, only 6 or 7. This will be discussed at the June meeting.

2. Indoor Programing – Jason commented that Gov. Wolf will withdraw all restrictions except masks on May 31. He has made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to allow indoor/in-person meetings/programs. There will be two options, 1. All ABC meetings will be in person, and 2. Everyone is encouraged to attend in person but has the option of using Zoom. Jason spoke about the programs that will come inside.

3. Recognize Charlie DiMarco Memorial Pickle Ball event – Jason mentioned that two weeks ago there was a Pickle Pall event. Charlie DiMarco who founded Pickle Ball passed away after playing a game. They had a memorial for him in the park. This will be an annual event the first Saturday in May. Jason has two projects he is looking into for the Pickle Ball courts - 1. Install wind screens and 2 put a fence between the courts to keep the ball from rolling through into the next court.

4. Chesco Art Walk along the Paoli Pike Trail – This event will be held with the support of the Chester County Art Association. It will be held September 18 (19 raindate). There will be about 30 artists along the trail from the Park with some music.

5. 2022 National Mall Adventure Race – Jason explained this event that is held in Washington D.C. He is working on getting a permit to take 2 buses of kids and parents to D.C. to set up races. Then they will race. Whoever wins gets the flag that flies over the Capital that day. It takes one year prior to submit for a permit.

6. Chester County Concert Band – Jason has made it possible for the band to practice in the park during the pandemic. In response, they want to do a free concert in the park. It will be held July 11, 7 pm to 8 pm.

7. Fireworks Raffle – We have a new fireworks vendor this year. They are fully remote, so Jason asked if anyone can push the button to start the fireworks. So, he is setting up a ticket raffle. At 7 pm, the night of Community Day, a ticket will be drawn and that child will start the fireworks for Community Day.

8. Intern – Jason announced that Evan Tyler will start next week as his intern. Evan has always helped with the summer camp. At the Park and Rec meeting in August, Evan will make a presentation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Scout Project/Bocci Court – Ryan started working on this project, but the cost of the wood has increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000. He has raised \$3,500 so far.

2. Summer Camp – The camp is filled to capacity. Jason has 3 or 4 new staff members. It will be held at the elementary school and there will be day trips this year.

3. Yard Sale – The Township Yard Sale was held last Saturday at the Township building. He was busy with parking. He wished people would have used the school parking lot or the shopping center to park.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

#### **1. Upcoming Events -**

- a. May 29 Carnival of Ruin. Jason explained how they made the costumes. 200 people can come.
- b. June – July Nature Warriors in partnership with the West Chester Garden Club – Eleven kids have signed up for this. They meet in the park every Saturday morning and learn about plants, etc. and how to care for them.
- c. Summer Camp – Starts in June.
- d. Golf Outing will be held on June 29.
- e. Community Day – will be held on August 28. There will be about 3,000 people. He needs volunteers.

#### **2. Park Maintenance Report**

a. The sports fields are all booked. The fields are ready and in good condition. The Park is at capacity most days and sometimes people have to park on the grass.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Jessica seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday June 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary