

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
June 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, June 3, 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
Evan Tyler, Park and Recreation Intern

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 and those who died due to COVID-19.

Deb asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 6, 2021 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Deb reported that the card games for seniors returned to the Township Building today.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Select Community Day and "OktoberFEST" Food Truck Festival Vendors - Jason mentioned that the applications are coming in slowly. Last month he only had 4. He now has 10 for Community Day and 12 for Oktoberfest. Evan has been working on getting a German food truck. They are reaching out to German restaurants in Phila. Some of the vendors sold their business or aren't running the truck right now. The 3 bands are ready for Oktoberfest – Eldorado (60's music), Polkadelphia (today's hits to a polka beat) and, our favorite, Don't Quit Your Day Job. The labels for the beer is all set to go. Volunteers are needed.

2. Paoli Pike Trail Funding – Segments C through F are done. Jason is seeing more people using the trail with the warmer weather. They are still in negotiations with Hicks for Segment B. Jason can apply to the DCED for the \$3.6 million needed for Segment B. The Township match is soft costs, permits, etc. The application is due the end of July. The BOS will vote on June 15th. Segment A from Airport Rd. to Ellis Lane is started. With funding they could start Segment B next spring and the trail would be done by the end of 2022.

Deb made a motion that the Park and Recreation Commission give support to the letter of support needed for the application for Segment B. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Tree Lighting - Jason and Evan met with Nancy Diversa, the previous Township Poet Laureate. She mentioned that she knew someone who owns reindeer. Ms. Parker from Lancaster County owns 5 reindeer and takes them to events. The cost is \$1,000.00. Jason is working with the FOEG. If we have 200 families and charge \$15.00 per family to pet and take pictures with the reindeer it might work. She only has Saturday December 18th from 10 to 12 open. Jason suggested having this in the morning and the tree lighting in the evening. The name of the reindeer is Star and he likes candy canes. Joe asked what would happen if the weather is bad. Deb suggested \$10 instead of \$15.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Indoor Programming - Today was the first day for Senior programs inside the Township Building. You have to wear a mask in the lobby, but you can take it off in the upstairs meeting room.

2. Scout Project/Bocci Court – Ryan started working on this project, but the cost of the wood had increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000. They paused during COVID but now the estimate for wood is \$10,000 – 11,000.!! Joe suggested they look into getting recycled wood. Jason pointed out that the next scout project was a hit wall at the pickle ball court which might be less expensive.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

- a. June 5 - Carnival of Ruin. This was rained out on May 29. There will be 2 shows at 11 am and 3 pm. and is 1 hour long. Jason explained how they made the costumes and that it is a humorous take on sustainability. 200 people can come. It moves to 2 locations in the park. He will make a video of it.
- 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. June 14th - Starts summer camps. Camp will be held at Glen Acres Elementary School. There are 80 children per week. In the past they have gone to French Creek for swimming, but they pulled the liner from the pool and won't be ready until end of July. They got signed up with the White Manor Country Club for the swimming. They will split into 2 groups. Interesting – 39 of the 80 children are 5/6 year olds.
- d. June 29 - Golf Outing. There will be a second outing in September.
- e. July 11 – Chesco Concert Band Sunday at 7 pm. They are doing this free concert as a thank you for letting them practice in the park during the pandemic.
- f. August 28 - Community Day

2. Park Maintenance Report

a. They put up the shade sails on the playground. Football is done. Baseball is calming down. Evenings in the park are packed. He has some requests for small 5K fundraisers in the fall but the larger ones pushed into 2022.

b. Pavilions – He has 300 permits so far this year for the pavilions. A lot are on weekdays too. Social causes want to meet but can't go inside yet so they are using the park.

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Jason mentioned that Evan is working on the next newsletter which will feature Rick Smith and his 50+ years working for East Goshen Township. Evan commented that he is learning a lot and looking forward to the rest of the summer. He is a senior at Temple University.
2. Jason announced that Derrick Davis will be the new Township Manager. He was the Assistant Manager at West Goshen Township.
3. There will not be a meeting in July.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ann Marie moved to adjourn the meeting. Kishor seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. There will be no meeting in July. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday August 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary