

Park Commission

Agenda

Thursday, December 2, 2021, 7pm

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
4. Approval of October 7, 2021 & November 4, 2021 meeting minutes
5. Chairperson's Report

6. New Business
 - a. Reminder – 2022 Park Commission Reorganization
 - b. Recognize EGT families – Santa's Toy Drive campaign
 - c. Discussion – 2022 Park Commission priorities

7. Old Business
 - a. Recommendation – shift of CIP amphitheater roof to permanent pickleball courts
 - b. Discuss Tree Lighting logistics
 - c. Discuss reindeer "meet and greet" logistics

8. Park and Recreation Director Report
 - a. Upcoming programming
 - i. Holiday Celebration & Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4
 - ii. Sold Out Reindeer event – December 18
 - iii. End of Year Report – late December
 - iv. Teen MLK Day of Service with West Chester Communities That Care – Jan 17
 - v. 2022 Township ABC Kickoff meeting – Tuesday, January 25, evening

 - b. Maintenance Report

9. Liaison Reports
10. Another other matter
11. Public Comment
12. Meeting Adjournment

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
November 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Township Building.

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, Township Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deb called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

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 still fighting COVID-19.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Because there was not a quorum, the minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jason mentioned that he wants to have a Christmas party for the Board members before the next meeting. It will start at 6 pm and the regular meeting will start at 7 pm on Thursday December 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Pumpkin Festival and Food Truck Event – Jason commented that, although these events had to be moved to the raindate of Sunday, they were well attended. A 3 year old girl won the pumpkin bowling event. They made 150 bird feeders.

We lost 3 food trucks when we moved to Sunday. Next year Jason will charge an extra fee if they don't come on the raindate. There was a problem with the sound equipment of one of the bands. Jason discussed the results of the survey - 72% very good and 23 % good. The favorite band was 3 to 1. Dates for next year were discussed.

2. Toddler Trick or Treat – This was held on the playground and about 65 kids attended. Representatives of the ABCs were there. Their costumes were great and there was lots of candy. Jessica mentioned that a mom gave candy or a toy to each child.

3. Tree Lighting - This will be held on Saturday December 4 at 6 pm. Jason will give each child a candle. When the candles come on, Santa (Carmen Battavio) will come in. Singers, Dancers and Time to Leave will be there. A kid will be selected to turn on the tree lights. They can get pictures with Santa.

4. Reindeer Meet and Greet – This event is sponsored by the Friends of East Goshen. The cost for the reindeer is \$1,000. The 150 tickets, at \$20 each, were sold out in 10 hours. This event will be held on Saturday, December 18, from 10 am to 12. The plan is to have them park at East Goshen Elementary School, come across to the Blacksmith Shop where Aspen the reindeer will be available for photos, Santa's elves will be wrapping gifts and Santa (Joe Daversa) will be available for photos. Then they go back to their car. Deb and Ann Marie will be at the check-in

1 table. Jason may get a choir to sing. He is going to run a toy donation drive. The Girl Scouts will be selling hot
2 cocoa.
3 5. Neighbor to Neighbor Day – this event will be held on Saturday November 13th. So far Jason has 50 volunteers
4 and 3 houses. He would like to get more volunteers and 3 more houses.

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6 **OLD BUSINESS**

7 1. Discussion of CIP shift - Jason explained the Capital Improvement Program which covers large projects for the
8 next 5 years. Since Pickleball has become so popular, Jason wants to take the funds allocated for the Amphitheater
9 shell and use it to make more pickleball courts. This will be discussed at the December meeting. It would be a
10 2023 project. He spoke about possible grants.

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12 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

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14 1. Upcoming Events -
15 a. Aspen the Reindeer tickets went on sale November 1.
16 b. Neighbor to Neighbor Day – November 13
17 c. EGE After school Ping Pong – November 29.
18 Inside activities such as yoga will start in the township building.

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20 2. Park Maintenance Report
21 Closing the park for the winter. The Hicks Pavilion will be open.

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23 **LIAISON REPORTS**

- 24 1. John mentioned that Officer McCun’s funeral will be tomorrow.

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26 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

27 NONE

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29 **ADJOURNMENT**

30 There being no further business, Ann Marie moved to adjourn the meeting. Jessica seconded the motion. The
31 meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday December 2, 2021 at 7:00
32 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

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34 Respectfully submitted,

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38 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dan called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Dan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan asked for a moment of silence to remember our military and veterans, police and first responders and those who died and are still suffering due to COVID-19.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 2, 2021 were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dan thanked everyone for the card.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of CIP shift - Jason explained the Capital Improvement Program which covers large projects for the next 5 years. Currently there is \$92,500 allocated for the Amphitheater shell. He reported that Pickleball has become very popular. He gets calls every day about our courts at the East Goshen Park. There are 6 tennis courts and 3 are being used for Pickleball. After an analysis, it was decided that we only need 3 tennis courts. Jason proposed to shift some of the funds for the shell to resurfacing the other 3 tennis courts into 8 Pickleball courts. Six posts and a net will be included. Wind screens will be installed around all of the courts next year. Joe feels people using the courts should be East Goshen residents. He also feels they should have to sign up so there is a schedule. Jason will look into this. He commented that 2022 application for grants will be for 2023 installation. This will be discussed next month.

2. October Events - Jason mentioned that the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday October 16 from 10 am – 12 noon still needs volunteers. He mentioned the Phelps School and East High School volunteers that he always gets. You should be at the park at 9:30 am. The Food Truck and Music Festival is the same day from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Raindate is Sunday. He reviewed the map of the park showing the layout for this event. The East Goshen table will be moved to the side of the stage and there will be more bleachers this year.

3. Toddler Trick or Treat - This will be held on October 29 in the playground. Jason wants ABC members to wear costumes.

4. Storms - Jason mentioned that the first storm was 8 inches high water at the middle pergola in the playground. All of the sand and mulch was gone. At 8:30 am the Public Works Department drove to New Jersey to get the kind

1 of sand required for the surface in the playground. All of the P&R members acknowledged the great job the PW
2 department does to maintain our parks.

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4 **OLD BUSINESS**

5 1. Scout Project - Jason explained the Pickleball/Tennis hit wall. It will be 16' by 8' plywood.

6 2. Chester Co Art Walk – Jason commented that this was well attended, and the artists would do it again. Next
7 time he will have some artists on the trail instead of all of them at the Township Building. The bench along the trail
8 in front of the Township Building is dedicated to Janet Emmanuel and her 40 years of service to East Goshen.

9 3. Bee Hives – Jason mentioned that we received a \$2,500.00 grant to buy outfits for kids 7-12. Classes will be
10 held on the website. Also, we can get an observation hive that can be put into a brief case and carried to other
11 locations for display.

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17 b. Food Truck Festival – October 16

18 c. EGE After school Ping Pong – October 25

19 d. Aspen Reindeer experience tickets go on sale November 1. The event will be held on December 18th. There are
20 only 150 tickets. The Tree Lighting will be held on December 4th.

21 h. Neighbor to Neighbor Day – November 13

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23 2. Park Maintenance Report

24 See #4 under New Business.

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