

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
October 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 7, 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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Scout Project - Jason explained the Pickleball/Tennis hit wall. It will be 16' by 8' plywood.
2. Chester Co Art Walk – Jason commented that this was well attended, and the artists would do it again. Next time he will have some artists on the trail instead of all of them at the Township Building. The bench along the trail in front of the Township Building is dedicated to Janet Emmanuel and her 40 years of service to East Goshen.
3. Bee Hives – Jason mentioned that we received a \$2,500.00 grant to buy outfits for kids 7-12. Classes will be held on the website. Also, we can get an observation hive that can be put into a brief case and carried to other locations for display.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

- a. Pumpkin Festival – October 16
- b. Food Truck Festival – October 16
- c. EGE After school Ping Pong – October 25
- d. Aspen Reindeer experience tickets go on sale November 1. The event will be held on December 18th. There are only 150 tickets. The Tree Lighting will be held on December 4th.
- h. Neighbor to Neighbor Day – November 13

2. Park Maintenance Report

See #4 under New Business.

LIAISON REPORTS

NONE

ANY OTHER MATTER

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Deb moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary