

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

table. Jason may get a choir to sing. He is going to run a toy donation drive. The Girl Scouts will be selling hot cocoa.

5. Neighbor to Neighbor Day – this event will be held on Saturday November 13th. So far Jason has 50 volunteers and 3 houses. He would like to get more volunteers and 3 more houses.

OLD BUSINESS

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

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

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

2. Park Maintenance Report

Closing the park for the winter. The Hicks Pavilion will be open.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John mentioned that Officer McCun's funeral will be tomorrow.

ANY OTHER MATTER

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary