

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
December 2, 2021**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 2, 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 (on phone)
Eric Tobin
Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
John Hertzog, Township Supervisor

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 still fighting COVID-19.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting were approved. The minutes of the November 4, 2021 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reorganization - Reorganization/election of the Commission's officers will be done in January. Also the annual ABC meeting will be held the evening of January 25, 2021. This is a good opportunity to meet other volunteers and the Board of Supervisors.

2. Santa's Toy Drive – Jason was very pleased with the results of the toy drive. About 300 gifts including a bike were received. He will let everyone know when he is going to wrap the toys.

3. 2022 Goals – Jason will have the Year End report ready the 3rd week of December. He will provide a list of 2021 accomplishments and 2022 goals for discussion at the January meeting.

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 improvements to the current blacktop for the pickleball courts. It would be a 2023 project. He spoke about possible grants. Dan made a motion to shift the funds allocated for the Amphitheater shell to construction of more pickleball courts. Deb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Reindeer Meet and Greet – This event will be held on Saturday, December 18, from 10 am to 12. There will be about 500 people attending. 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 described the app they will use to check the reservations. Be there at 9:15 am.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

- a. Holiday Celebration and Christmas Tree Lighting – December 4, 6 -7 pm
- b. Sold out Reindeer event – December 18, 10 – 12 am
- c. End of Year Report – Late December
- d. Teen MLK Day of Service with West Chester Communities that Care – Jan 17. Teens will do a day of service. Krapf will provide a bus for transportation.
- e. 2022 Township ABC Kickoff meeting – Tuesday January 25, evening

2. Park Maintenance Report

The park is being winterized. Jason hopes to play baseball by April 1st.

LIAISON REPORTS

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Jason reported that starting in 2022 he will have a program coordinator to help with programs. He wants to do more events on Saturday and Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ann Marie moved to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday January 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary