

Park Commission

Agenda

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 7pm

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
4. Approval of January 6<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes
5. Chairperson's Report
  
6. New Business
  - a. Discussion – Egg Hunt logistics
  - b. Discussion – Milltown Park
  - c. Recognize – Teen Filmmakers Showcase, Gov Wolf Excellence Award – April 13
  
7. Old Business
  - a. Update – Recreation Program Coordinator interviews
  - b. Update – Potential bee hive placement at Supplee Valley Open Space
  - c. Update –pickleball/tennis court & Milltown Park projects
  
8. Park and Recreation Director Report
  - a. Upcoming programming
    - i. Seasonal staff hiring – on going
    - ii. Organized sports began – late March
    - iii. Jason – Rustin Career Day Speaker – April 7
    - iv. Egg Hunt – April 9
    - v. WCGC Flower Show – April 12
    - vi. Junior Beekeeping Program – mid April
    - vii. Pollinator Garden Clean Up – April 22
    - viii. Spring Yard Sale – April 30
  
  - b. Maintenance Report
  
9. Liaison Reports
10. Another other matter
11. Public Comment
12. Meeting Adjournment

**DRAFT**  
**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**January 6, 2022**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 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 December 2, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Reorganization** – Dan nominated Debbie for Chairman. Eric seconded the nomination. Debbie accepted the nomination. The vote was unanimous. Dan nominated Peter for Vice Chairman. Debbie nominated Eric for Vice Chairman. Ann Marie seconded the nomination for Eric. Eric was elected for Vice Chairman. Karen will serve as Secretary.

**2. Review Reindeer event** – Dan commented that the reindeer event went off very well. It brought in \$2,700. The only complaint he heard was that the Santa line was too slow. Ann Marie suggested that next year the position of the band be changed because it was hard for them to hear people as they were checking in.

Jason said the survey was all good. They also mentioned the line for Santa. There were 150 families with 47 seconds per family allowed with the reindeer. Jason emailed the photos to the families. He also asked if they wanted morning again or evening. It was definitely morning.

**3. Review Tree Lighting event** – Jason felt this was the best tree lighting so far. There was great attendance. The dancers and chorus were great. Next year the tree lighting will be Saturday December 3 in the evening. In the morning we will have the Reindeer event from 10-12.

**4. Review Toy Drive** – Jason reported that the Toy Drive was far more than expected. The total toys donated was 203. The card club gave a morning to wrapping all the toys. Jason met with the East Goshen Elementary counselor and made a list of children and toys to donate. Next year Jason is thinking of having a list of toys and have residents select which ones they want to donate.

**5. 2022 Program Calendar** – Jason reviewed the 2022 program calendar and explained some of the new events. He is hoping to have full day camp. He is waiting for permission from the school district. It will be at East Goshen

1 Elementary. He wants to have representatives from other ABCs at some of the events so residents can meet them;  
2 i.e., a Pumpkin Challenge at the Pumpkin Festival. Jason reviewed the history of the farmers' market. The last  
3 year was 2018. He received approval to install windscreens and a divider at the tennis courts.  
4 6. End of Year Report – Jason reviewed the report and commented that revenue of 107% is good. In 2021 the  
5 revenue was 120%. A good year.

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7 **OLD BUSINESS**

8 1. Annual ABC Meeting – This annual meeting will be held on Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Jason  
9 reviewed the 2021 Accomplishments and 2022 Goals report for this meeting.

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11 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

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13 1. Upcoming Events -

- 14 a. Teen MLK Day of Service with West Chester Communities that Care – Jan 17. Teens will do a day of service.  
15 Krapf will provide a bus for transportation.  
16 e. 2022 Township ABC Kickoff meeting – Tuesday January 25, evening

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18 2. Park Maintenance Report

19 The Veterans Pavilion is closed for the winter. Also, the ball fields are closed. Jason hopes to open by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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21 **LIAISON REPORTS**

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23 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

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25 **ADJOURNMENT**

26 There being no further business, Dan moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The  
27 meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday February 3, 2022 at 7:00  
28 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

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30 Respectfully submitted,

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34 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

**DRAFT**  
**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**March 3, 2022**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at the Township Building.

Commission members present are highlighted:

**Deborah Snyder, Chairman via phone**

Eric Tobin, Vice Chairman

**Karen Battavio**

**Jessica Bottaro**

**Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore via phone**

**Peter Knupp**

Daniel Leicht

Doug Staffelbach

Kishor Thakarar

**Joseph Zulli**

Others present were:

**Jason Lang, Director of Recreation**

Cody Bright, Township Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Peter called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Peter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jason asked for a moment of silence to remember the Ukrainian people, our military and veterans, police and first responders and medical staffs.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 3, 2022 meeting were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bee Hives - Jason reported that the first Bee Hive program will start in April. He asked Carmen Battavio about another location for hives. They looked at the Supplee Valley open space on Reservoir Road. There will be 4-6 hives which will be different from the ones for the public at the Blacksmith Shop. Signage will be provided. The purpose is to provide a honeybee habitat, increase plants, and later some students from the university may be able to determine what flowers the bees used to make the honey. Peter made a motion to use this location for beehives. Jessica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Summer Camp – The camp will be held at East Goshen Elementary School. It is full – 100 children each day and staff to work there. He hired 6-8 new aides. The camp is from 8am to 5:30 pm and costs \$200/week.

3. Movie in the Park – This will be held on June 4, 2022. It will be sponsored by the Gary Mercer Group.

4. Governor's Award – Jason mentioned that East Goshen received this award for the Teen Film Makers Showcase. It was for an innovative partnership. The award will be presented on April 13, 2022. This year the Friends of East Goshen will pay for a second theater and sell tickets for the general public. There will be 50 seats at \$15 – 20 each. Any revenue will be donated to the Ukraine film maker.

1 **OLD BUSINESS**

2 **1. Community Day** – The BOS has approved Saturday June 25, 2022 for this event.

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4 **2. Recreation Program Coordinator** – Jason reported that 2 of the candidates he selected took other jobs.

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6 **3. Pickle Ball/Tennis Courts** - The hitwall, which is a scout project, will be done in a month. Jason spoke to the  
7 residents about the wind screens. It was decided that they will be forest green, 6 feet high on the outside and 9 feet  
8 high on the inside. The BOS will approve this next week. Jason spoke about all of the tennis leagues that use the  
9 courts. There will be 3 Pickle Ball tournaments this year.

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11 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

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13 **1. Upcoming Events** -

- 14 a. Seasonal staff hiring – on going
- 15 b. Permitted parties begin in mid March. There are about 350 parties in the park.
- 16 c. Organized sports begin in late March.
- 17 c. Egg Hunt will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 18 d. Junior Beekeeping Program will start in late April. The classes will be from 3-4pm and 4-5 pm. There  
19 will 6 kids ages 7-10 years old in each class. They will receive certificates. Sophia will be the Bee Ambassador.  
20 Here mother studies insects.

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22 **2. Park Maintenance Report**

23 The ball parks are getting ready. Two driveways that were dirt paths have been paved. One by the Basketball  
24 courts and the other by the Veterans Pavilion.

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26 **LIAISON REPORTS**

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28 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

29 **1. Grants** - The Pa Horse Race Game made a lot of money and is making funds available to all Pa counties. Jason  
30 will submit a grant application for this.

31 **2. SAC Expo** - The Sustainability Advisory Committee will be holding an expo at the Township building on  
32 Sunday April 24, 2022 from 10 am to 2pm. and it is free.

33 **3. Paoli Pike Trail** – The BOS is considering alternate routes for the trail along Paoli Pike instead of the Hicks  
34 property.

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36 **ADJOURNMENT**

37 There being no further business, Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Jessica seconded the motion. The meeting  
38 was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday April 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person  
39 at the Township Building.

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41 Respectfully submitted,

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45 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary



Announcements/PA System

Egg Hunt – Saturday 4/9

9am – 9:30am; 2 – 3 YO

10:00am – 10:30am; 4 – 5 YO

11am – 11:30am; 6 – 7 YO

12pm – 8-10 YO

Logistics:

Easter Bunny on bench near field B posing for pictures; volunteer A

Egg boxes divided and staged for individual time slots

Gold eggs = grand prizes, one per group  
Multicolored eggs = 1<sup>st</sup> prizes; chocolate bunnies

March 4, 2022

Mr. Jason Lang  
1580 Paoli Pike  
West Chester, PA 19380

Dear Mr. Lang:

Congratulations on being selected as a winner for Innovative Community/Governmental Initiatives for the 2022 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence. We are excited to be back in person for this year's event.

The Center for Local Government Services is pleased to announce that the ceremony will be on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. It will be held at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, PA. Winners and guests should arrive at 10:30 a.m., with the ceremony to begin at 11:00 a.m.

You may invite up to five guests; please RSVP to [thritsick@pa.gov](mailto:thritsick@pa.gov) by Wednesday, March 30, 2022, with your name, and your guests' names. Also, all winners are being asked to submit photos to DCED highlighting their projects and email them to [asparsells@pa.gov](mailto:asparsells@pa.gov) in .png or .jpeg format.

Once again, congratulations. We appreciate your valuable contribution to Pennsylvania's residents and communities. You deserve an award, and we are happy to be presenting one to you.

Sincerely,



Richard P. Vilello, Jr.  
Deputy Secretary