

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.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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

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

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

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

2. Park Maintenance Report

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

LIAISON REPORTS

ANY OTHER MATTER

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Jessica seconded the motion. The meeting 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 at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary