

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**May 5, 2022**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at the Township Building.

Commission members present are highlighted:

**Deborah Snyder, Chairman**

Eric Tobin, Vice Chairman

**Karen Battavio**

Jessica Bottaro

**Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore**

Peter Knupp

Daniel Leicht

Doug Staffelbach

Kishor Thakarar

Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

**Jason Lang, Director of Recreation**

Cody Bright, Township Supervisor

**Derek Davis, Township Manager**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deborah called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Deborah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deborah asked for a moment of silence to remember firefighters, first responders, police and all who are still affected by COVID.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the January 6, March 3, and April 7 2022 meetings will have to be delayed until next month since there is not a quorum.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Deborah congratulated Jason for being recognized as a 2022 NRPA Gold Medal Finalist for the fourth consecutive year. Jason thanked her for the kind words, but said it's really the residents who make the park and rec experience in East Goshen so special. Jason introduced Derek Davis, Township Manager, to the Park Commission. He thanked the Park Commission for their efforts, noting that special events are only successful by volunteerism and the Park Commission has always done an amazing job. He also mentioned that the Board of Supervisors would be sending Paoli Pike Trial Alternative Route options to the Park Commission for review and recommendation at an upcoming meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Milltown Park Neighborhood Walk – Jason, Debbie, Danny Leicht and Michele Truitt spoke with Milltown Park neighbors about a potential renovation to the park, speaking to 14 of a possible 50 (28%) of households. Jason will do another round of walks to get that percentage to 80%. Input so far is overwhelmingly in favor of adding more space appropriate play pieces for the children. There was also consensus to add more seating, picnic tables and to clean up the hillside of dead trees and poison ivy. Given that an old schoolhouse sat on the property, one resident suggested a historical sign with photos recognizing the site's historical importance. Three residents on the north side of the park were against a large project in favor of increased traffic. One resident who lives along the tree line is considered that other neighborhood residents currently walk their dog off leash and come onto his property. Jason noted that these issues could be addressed and still provide some new play pieces for the kids. Perhaps a fence could be added at the end of Township property and/or signage. There is no timetable for

construction/decisions at this time. Jason will continue to get neighborhood input, then draft a report for Park Commission and Board of Supervisors review.

2. Update – Bocce Court, Eagle Scout Project – The Eagle Scout will be installing the bocce court near the Veteran’s Pavilion over Memorial Day weekend.

3. Update – Community Day – The event is programmatically set except we are still in need of a National Anthem singer. Event sponsors via the Friends of East Goshen has been strong and it does not anticipate a funding shortage.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Recreation Program Coordinator – Jason reported that Jessica Wilhelmy has accepted the position and will start on May 16. She is very experienced and will be a great addition to the team.

2. Review – Egg Hunt, WCGC Flower Show, SAC Expo, Junior Beekeeper – Jason said the Egg Hunt was well attended again, sold out with 800 participants and 2400 total people. The timed grouping is very efficient, a more fun experience and will remain going forward. The WCGC Flower Show was a great first effort, nice additional to our current special event offerings, and will benefit in 2023 from a full marketing campaign. The SAC Expo had approximately 150 attendees and was well managed by the SAC. The inaugural Junior Beekeeper class graduated in late April and the kids had a blast. In their full suits, they comfortably and confidently interacted with 100,000+ bees.

3. Update – Pickleball/Tennis Court – Jason reported we should hear back about our \$60,000 Chesco Municipal Grant by the end of June and we’ll be applying for a DCED –GTRP grant by the end of May. Project on course for a 2023 construction.

**RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

1. Upcoming Events -

- i. Toddler Storytime – Tuesdays, 10a
- ii. Poetry Circle – Thursdays
- iii. White Elephant Bingo - May 12, 1p
- iv. Applebrook Resident Only Golf Outing – May 17
- v. Nature Warriors – May through June
- vi. Jason – WCU Career Extension – May 19
- vii. Pollinator Garden Clean Up – May 20
- viii. No spring bus trips

2. Park Maintenance Report

Public Works has been busy with regular park maintenance, has done work on the Hershey’s Mill Dam Park project and will be doing some work on the upcoming bocce court project.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**ANY OTHER MATTER**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Karen moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday June 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary  
Notes by Jason Lang