

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting  
September 1, 2022**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 1, 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**

Jess Wilhelmy, Recreation Program Coordinator

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 military.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes - Joe moved to approve the minutes of January 6, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2022 meetings. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Events Review -**

a. Community Day – Jason reported that there were about 3,500 people attending. The band was good. Elizabeth Matthews sang the national Anthem. Fire Works were great. The only problem was the raffle to turn on the fire works. Jason asked the commission members to think of some different things to shake up the program for next year.

b. Summer Camp – It was held at East Goshen Elementary School this year. There were about 100 kids in the morning and about 50 stayed for the afternoon. They took a few day trips.

c. Flash Mob – This turned out to be much bigger than Jason anticipated. There were about 300 people present, mostly children. Michele Truitt led the East High School Band out of the woods playing a piccolo. The Leap Dance School did a dance. They gave out frozen popsicles to the children.

2. Eagle Scouts – Jason gave recognition to Jaiden Slifer and Rian Gionfriddo for their Eagle Scout projects. Jaiden put up the hit wall in the tennis courts. Rian did the bocce courts. There are 2 sets of balls for the bocce courts. You have to call the Township Building.

3. Future Eagle Scout Projects – Jason led a discussion of potential projects; i.e. kiosk, signage, a lock box on a stand for the bocce balls.

4. Park Permit – Jason reviewed the Park Permit with the commission. After discussion Joe moved to recommend reducing the applicable fee structure from 40 people to 25 people. Eric seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Hershey Mill Dam Park – This park on Greenhill Road is opening soon.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Paoli Pike Trail Alternative B Route - Jason provided diagrams of the proposed Route B section of the Paoli Pike Trail. The three options were reviewed and discussed. Joe disagrees with the actions proposed. He served on the original committee. Paoli Pike is a dangerous road to navigate. He spoke about the route he currently bikes to go to West Chester. Ann Marie also does not agree with these proposals. The Commission members discussed just doing the pink lines (C1, C2 & C3) and paint the path on the pavements where possible to make a loop. For the next meeting Jason will prepare a recommendation for review and then forward it to the BOS.

2. Chesco Art Walk – This event will be held on September 24, from 10 am to 2 pm. This year, with assistance from the Chesco Art Association, there will be 65 artists. They will be on the trail from the Township Building parking lot to the East Goshen Park parking lot with a stop on the path by the Chamber of Commerce Building. Jason explained the locations and what he needs volunteers to do. Also, there will be a contest for the most steps walked. The path is 1.2 miles and about 2500 steps. There will be a QR code that people can use to enter the number of steps they did and be put into the raffle for a prize.

3. Tennis/Pickleball Courts – Jason is planning to have Pickleball clinics in the spring. He met with a Pickleball coordinator and wants to have a few meetings with PB and Tennis users.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

#### **1. Upcoming Events -**

- i. Applebrook Resident Plus Guest Golf Outing – Sept. 14. 65 have signed up.
- ii. Yard Sale – Saturday Sept. 17. Only about 6 at the Township Building so far.
- iii. NRPA Gold Medal Announcement, Phoenix, AZ. Sept 20. Jason will attend.
- iv. Chesco Art Walk – Sept. 24.
- v. Pumpkin Festival & Food Truck Festival – Oct. 15. Jason has 2 bands.
- vi. Toddler Trick or Treat – Friday Oct. 28 10 am at the playground. Malvern Library will read a book. Jason wants to have stations to give out candy.

#### **2. Park Maintenance Report**

Public Works has been busy with regular park maintenance. There will be installation of cameras in EG Park in September.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

None

### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

1. Deb mentioned that the Seniors Group had Christmas in July.
2. Newsletter article – Jason will describe the uses allowed in the parks including the new Hershey Mill Dam Park.
3. Milltown Park – Jason reported that he spoke with residents in the area and most of them were in favor of a small playground.

4. Jason mentioned that he has a meeting next week with a farmers market vendor who is an EG resident. The last market was 2018. There was discussion about having a market again.
5. Dec. 3 will be the reindeer at the Blacksmith Shop this year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dan moved to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday October 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary