

Park Commission

Agenda

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 7pm

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
4. Approval of October and November 2022 meeting minutes
5. Chairperson's Report
6. New Business
 - a. Discuss – 2023 Park and Recreation Programming Calendar
 - b. Review – Winter newsletter article
 - c. Update – Pickleball/Tennis Court Construction project
 - d. Review – Neighbor to Neighbor Day
 - e. Review – 2023 Park Commission reorganization procedure
7. Old Business
 - a. Discuss – Reindeer Meet & Greet, logistics (sold out)
 - b. Discuss – Holiday Celebration & Christmas Tree Lighting, logistics
8. Park and Recreation Director Report
 - a. Upcoming programming
 - i. Reindeer event – December 3 (sold out)
 - ii. Holiday Celebration – December 3, 6p-7p
 - iii. Yoga/Zumba – throughout winter
 - iv. Senior Cards/Mahjong – throughout winter
 - v. Cubing Tournament – February 17, 2023
 - b. Maintenance Report
9. Liaison Reports
10. Another other matter
11. Public Comment
12. Meeting Adjournment

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
OCTOBER 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 6, 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, and all the people effected by Hurricane Ian in Florida.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting were approved as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Deborah congratulated Jason for the NRPA Gold Medal Finalist award. She appreciates all the time and energy and undeniable enthusiasm he has.

2. Debbie introduced the Commission's new Board of Supervisors liaison Cody Bright.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Events Review -

a. Yard Sale – Jason reported that the turnout was not as good as in the past. Only 10 people at the township building.

b. Art Walk - This year we partnered with the Chester Co. Art Assoc. and had 65 artists at the Township Building, the Chamber of Commerce property and the East Goshen Park. The weather was perfect and Jason estimates about 1,500 people attended. There was all kinds of art on display. He took a survey of the artists and participants who attended, and they would like to have it in the park next year. It was suggested to have it at the Chamber of Commerce Property, in Applebrook Park and East Goshen Park.

2. Paoli Pike Trail Memo to BOS - Jason reviewed the memo regarding Segment B options and the response from the Park & Recreation Commission. Joe mentioned that he was on the original committee for the trail. He was disappointed that it couldn't be finished but doesn't want extra funds to be spent now. He has used every bike trail in the area and has seen how they go through municipal areas. Joe made a motion to accept the memo and forward it to the BOS. Kishor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1 3. Toddler Trick or Treat – This event will be held Friday, October 28 in East Goshen Park at the playground from
2 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The purpose of this event is to celebrate Halloween with the toddlers and allow the parents
3 to see who serves their community on the various Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions. This year it is
4 being extended to the township businesses. You must come in a costume. Sign up by October 21st.

5 4. Tree Lighting and Luminary – Jason mentioned that Jess had the idea to have a luminary this year which would
6 form a path from the stage up to the tree. The candles will be plastic and run by remote control. It will be \$5/bag
7 and proceeds will go to the Friends of East Goshen. They will be for sale at the Pumpkin Festival and the Food
8 Truck Festival.

9 OLD BUSINESS

10 1. Pumpkin and Food Truck Festivals – These events will be held Saturday October 15. The Pumpkin Festival will
11 be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Jason reviewed the map and activities and volunteers needed. ESAC will have bird
12 feeders to build again this year. The Food Truck and Music Festival will be held later that day from 2:30 pm to
13 6:30 pm. This year the Phila. Pastel Society will display artwork.

14 2. Reindeer Meet and Greet – Jason has booked the reindeer for Saturday December 3 and costumes are ready.
15 The Plank House will be open this year with activities for kids. There will be 2 bands, a dance performance, and
16 the Hicks family is letting us borrow their sleigh, which will be used as a display. There will be 100 tickets at
17 \$30.00 each.

18 3. Half Day Lego Camp – Jason reported there were 10 boys making robotic lego items.

19 4. Farmers Market – Jason spoke to the resident who runs 4 markets. She doesn't feel that a market would succeed
20 in East Goshen. This has been put on pause.

21 5. Bee Hives – The bee hives have been in the historic area for 18 months. Students at the Elementary school have
22 been brought over to see how they operate. Jason and Jess attended a meeting at Bellingham with staff and
23 residents.

24 RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

25 1. Upcoming Events -

- 26 a. Pumpkin Fest – October 15 10am to 12pm
- 27 b. Food Truck Festival – October 15 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- 28 c. Toddler Trick or Treat at the playground – October 28
- 29 d. Neighbor to Neighbor Day – Nov. 19

30 2. Park Maintenance Report

31 The Ball fields are still open but will close by mid-November.

32 LIAISON REPORTS

33 1. Board of Supervisors – Cody reported that they are working on the 2023 budget which is about \$700K short. He
34 spoke about the things that need funding.

35 ANY OTHER MATTER

36 None

37 ADJOURNMENT

38 There being no further business, Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. Jessica seconded the motion. The meeting was
39 adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday November 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person
40 at the Township Building.

41 Respectfully submitted,

42 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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November 3, 2022

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting could not be approved because there was not a quorum.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Events Review -

a. Pumpkin Festival & Food Truck Festival - Both events went very well. There were very few pumpkins left. The lines were so long for the pony rides and the food truck. The Food Truck and Music Festival was well attended too. Jason is going to get the applications out now for the food trucks for next year.

b. Toddler Trick or Treat - There were 150 toddlers and 20-25 vendors/representatives. The vendor tables were set on the outside of the circle around the playground. The kids loved getting candy. Then they had story time in the pavilion.

2. "Stuff Santa's Sleigh" Toy Drive - Jason reviewed the flyer which lists the items needed. Last year there were about 200 toys donated. The Seniors Card Club wrapped the gifts. Jason will set up a place in the foyer of the Township building to drop them off.

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2 **OLD BUSINESS**

3 **1. Reindeer Meet and Greet** – It will be held on Saturday December 3, 2022 from 10 am to 12. Volunteers should
4 be here at 9:30 am. The Plank House will be open this year with activities for kids. The 100 tickets sold out fast.
5 Jason assigned each family a time slot hoping to control the crowd better. They will park at East Goshen
6 Elementary school and Goshen Fire Police will control the traffic. The families will get in line and go to the Plank
7 House first. The front room will have a craft for the kids. Ellen and Dolores are making gingerbread. Then they
8 will meet the reindeer and have a picture taken. Then they will go into the Blacksmith Shop to meet Santa and
9 hang a stocking on the wall. There will be two bands and dancers.

10 **2. Christmas Tree Lighting** - This will be held on Saturday December 3, 2022 from 6-7 pm. The West Chester
11 Community Choir will do caroling and there will be dancers. Luminaries are being sold for \$5 each. They will line
12 the path up to the trees. Jason bought stage quality lights that are moveable to provide better lighting. DelVecchio
13 Landscaping is going to help with the decorations. Four posts will be erected around the stage and lights will be
14 hung between them.

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16 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

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18 **1. Upcoming Events -**

- 19 a. **West Chester Communities That Care** – Wednesday November 17, 2022 at 6 pm. at the Township Building.
20 This is a must-see film for parents, teens, and tweens. It will be followed by a panel discussion with CHOP doctors
21 and therapists specializing in the effects of technology on the brain.
22 b. **Neighbor to Neighbor Day** – will be held on Saturday November 19, 2022.
23 c. **Reindeer Meet and Greet** – Saturday December 3, 2022 10-12am
24 d. **Holiday Celebration** – Tree lighting in the park on December 3, 2022 at 6 pm
25 e. **Essential Oils** – various dates.
26 f. **New York** – on Saturday December 10, 2022 Jason is taking a bus of residents to New York City.

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28 **2. Park Maintenance Report**

29 The Ball fields are closed. They will winterize the Veterans Pavilion around Thanksgiving. The bridge on the trail
30 along Paoli Pike on the East Goshen Park side is being replaced. A temporary bridge has been constructed so
31 walkers don't go onto Paoli Pike.

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33 **LIAISON REPORTS**

34 None

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36 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

- 37 1. **Teen Filmmaker Showcase** – Jason applied for and was given a grant for this event of \$2,000. He will use it for
38 a second theater.

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40 **ADJOURNMENT**

41 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on
42 Thursday December 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

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