

**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.

3. Toddler Trick or Treat – This event will be held Friday, October 28 in East Goshen Park at the playground from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The purpose of this event is to celebrate Halloween with the toddlers and allow the parents to see who serves their community on the various Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions. This year it is being extended to the township businesses. You must come in a costume. Sign up by October 21st.
4. Tree Lighting and Luminary – Jason mentioned that Jess had the idea to have a luminary this year which would 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 and proceeds will go to the Friends of East Goshen. They will be for sale at the Pumpkin Festival and the Food Truck Festival.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pumpkin and Food Truck Festivals – These events will be held Saturday October 15. The Pumpkin Festival will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Jason reviewed the map and activities and volunteers needed. ESAC will have bird feeders to build again this year. The Food Truck and Music Festival will be held later that day from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm. This year the Phila. Pastel Society will display artwork.
2. Reindeer Meet and Greet – Jason has booked the reindeer for Saturday December 3 and costumes are ready. The Plank House will be open this year with activities for kids. There will be 2 bands, a dance performance, and the Hicks family is letting us borrow their sleigh, which will be used as a display. There will be 100 tickets at \$30.00 each.
3. Half Day Lego Camp – Jason reported there were 10 boys making robotic lego items.
4. Farmers Market – Jason spoke to the resident who runs 4 markets. She doesn't feel that a market would succeed in East Goshen. This has been put on pause.
5. Bee Hives – The bee hives have been in the historic area for 18 months. Students at the Elementary school have been brought over to see how they operate. Jason and Jess attended a meeting at Bellingham with staff and residents.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

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

2. Park Maintenance Report

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

LIAISON REPORTS

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

ANY OTHER MATTER

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary