

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**November 3, 2022**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, November 3, 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**

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.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

## **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

### 1. Upcoming Events -

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

### 2. Park Maintenance Report

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

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

None

## **ANY OTHER MATTER**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary