

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
February 2, 2023**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 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

John Hertzog, Township Supervisor

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 who are protecting our country and way of life..

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting were approved. The January 2023 meeting was cancelled.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Deborah mentioned the Annual Planning meeting and thanked everyone who came. She also mentioned the presentation of the Gold Medal Finalist plaque. Bill Foelsch of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), made an announcement that East Goshen Park & Recreation Department was named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist for the 4th consecutive year and presented the Gold Medal Finalist Plaque. He mentioned the sponsors that help promote this award which honors Park and Recreation. He commented that people rely on Park and Recreation to keep the park and programs going for them. East Goshen was one of twenty-four national finalists.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reorganization – The following officers were nominated and elected for another term.

a. Deborah Snyder, Chairman

b. Eric Tobin, Vice Chairman

c. Karen Battavio - Secretary

2. 2023 Goals – Deb reviewed the progress on the pickleball courts. Ribbon Cuttings will be held for Hershey Mill Dam Park and Marydell. Chesco Art Walk – whatever original artwork wins the contest it will be displayed in General Mills' office. New programs were reviewed. For the theater trip, the vote was to see Jimmy Buffet. The Senior Book Club had its first meeting in January with 7 people. More people have shown an interest. The next meeting will be February 14, 1:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Pickleball - Jason reported that they signed with the contractor who will start work on the new courts in mid-May. He has met with a few people and discussed reservations but not doing that right now. Peter mentioned that there haven't been any conflicts. The games go fast so people wait.
- 2. Summer Camp – Jason reported that registration started at 6:00 am on February 1. Last year it closed out at noon and there was a manageable wait list. This year it sold out by 6:02 am. There are 500 people on the wait list. There are 50/80 campers each week. He is looking for a second site. Next year he will have two camp sites and will give East Goshen residents first choice.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

- a. Senior Book Club – The second Tuesday at 1:00 pm
- b. Yoga/Cards/Zumba resume
- c. Youth Cubing Tournament – Feb 17, Looking for teenagers to assist. This tournament is for young kids.
- d. Senior Cards/Mahjong – throughout winter
- e. Pacific Northwest/California trip – Meeting with Collette on Feb. 23 at 12:00 pm.

2. Park Maintenance Report

The Veterans Pavilion bathroom is closed for the winter. Mid-March they may start to work on the ball fields.

LIAISON REPORTS

BOS – John Hertzog mentioned that he wants to refurbish the Milltown Park. It is well located for people in the southern part of the Township. There is some equipment there now. It is a nice size park. He needs help planning it and needs some ideas.

ANY OTHER MATTER

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday March 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary