

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
March 2,2023

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Deborah acknowledged Janet Vokoon who is here to discuss Pickleball courts.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Poet Laureate – Jason mentioned the two candidates for this position. Ethan Altshul a sophomore at East High School and Richard Donze, a physician and published poet. Jason wants to recommend both for the position. Ethan would be appointed as our Youth Poet Laureate and focus on promotion of the written word among our youth. Richard would be given the traditional title of Poet Laureate and would work with adults in township poetry circles. Peter made a motion to recommend Richard Donze and Ethan Altshul to Township Poet Laureate appointments for the year 2023 and 2024. Kishor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Janet Vokoon suggested that Jason go to Goshen Elementary to announce Ethan's appointment and maybe post a picture of him so the kids get used to him.

2. 2023 Egg Hunt – Jason commented that this event will be held on April 1, 2023. He will set up time slots according to age like last year, starting at 9:00 am. He feels there will be 200-300 kids per age group. He needs volunteers to spread the eggs and do face painting.

3. 2023 Summer Camp – The 550 spots were filled quickly. There are 500 on the wait list. Jason tried to get a second location. Next year he will have 2 locations and will take reservations from EG residents first.

4. Milltown Park – This location was initially a school house. Jason mentioned that he and several PR members walked through the neighborhood a while ago to see what the residents might want in the park with these results:

- a. a play structure (there is a set of swings)
- b. leave the flat area as grass
- c. incorporate a shade structure
- d. improve the hillside – there are 2 paths that people walk their dogs on and the kids sled on

Jason met with the playground contractor today. He could install in 2 days. The total price for this project is \$150, \$50k for the playground. There are 100 houses and 2 apartment complexes in this area. All are within walking distance to the park. John commented that he would like to get this phase started and do upgrades in the future. Jason mentioned that he spoke to a resident who attended the school when it was there. He wants to install a plaque for the school.

5. Cubing Tournament – This contest was very successful. There were 15 kids with about 100 parents. Girls participated and one was a winner. Jason wants to do this on a quarterly basis.

6. Book Club – Deb reported that they started in January with 10 members and met in February with 14 members. The next meeting is Tuesday March 14 at 1:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Collette Trip – Jason mentioned that the Township had trips until 2019. They went to Iceland, Ireland, Costa Rica. Collette offers high quality trips and we get 10%. There were 9 people at the meeting for this year's trip to Seattle and down along the west coast.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

- a. Senior Jeopardy – March 9 at 1:00 pm.
- b. Senior Book Club – March 14 at 1:00 pm
- c. Spring Sports – late March. All of the fields are reserved. This year there will be a Youth Basketball League.
- d. Egg Hunt – April 1 at 9:00 am
- e. Yard Sale – April 15

2. Park Maintenance Report

Public Works is doing regular winter maintenance. They will start preparing the fields the end of March. At the Veterans Pavilion they removed some trees and invasives.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

ANY OTHER MATTER

Pickleball Courts – Janet Vokoon mentioned that usage of the courts keeps going up. Last week all 8 courts were full. She suggested lining all of the tennis courts for pickleball. She spoke about the 2 courts that West Goshen has on Rte. 100. Jason commented that part of our project will be a kiosk that will list the rules and schedule. He is developing a scheduling app for people to sign up. April starts tennis camps, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. Kishor seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday April 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary