

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**October 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 5, 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

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**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**

A motion was made and approved to add minutes for March and April to the agenda. The minutes of the March 2, April 6, and May 4, 2023 meetings were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1. Deborah commented that the Tall Ship trip was very good. There were about 40 people attending. The Senior Book Club is still well attended. They were able to watch a movie about a book they read. Cards for seniors is still very good. She mentioned the card games they play.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Summer Camp - There were 150 kids at the camp which was held at the East Goshen Elementary School. Jason got lots of good comments. He will request a second location from the school district for next year. Also next year, East Goshen residents will sign up first. He will have to hire more staff. The pay was increased from \$8 per hour to \$15 per hour. The ages for camp are 5 to 11 years old.
2. Community Day – Because of bad weather the Community Day was moved to August. The weather was good, the band was great, and the vendors were wonderful. The fireworks were great. Jason signed a 3 year contract with the fireworks vendor. The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of East Goshen is coming up, so we need to start planning for it.
3. Teen Filmmakers Showcase – This was the 5<sup>th</sup> year and was very good.
4. Ark Walk – Because of severely bad weather this event had to be cancelled. Jason mentioned that they received a grant of \$1,500 for the Art Walk. They used \$500 for the winner of the Teen Art Contest who was Faith Garrett. They will have the remaining \$1,000 for next year's art walk.

5. Camp Out in the Park – This event was very successful. There were 100 families that camped out overnight in East Goshen Park. They paid \$50. There were all kinds of things for the children to do and there were bond fires. For Breakfast there was fruit and donuts donated by the Giant. They will do this next year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Milltown Dam Park – The playground equipment has been purchased. Public Works made the ground in the area level, so work is starting, and the playground should be open next week. Jason and Jess put together a poster telling the history of the area and the school that was there.

2. Pickleball Courts – The new courts were opened in June. Jason has a reservation system for the public to use. He has received some complaints. Noise is a problem for the residents. He will have another meeting with the residents on October 13. In 2024 he will review the system for upgrades.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

#### **1. Upcoming Events -**

a. Teen Filmmakers Academy – This started today for kids with no filmmaking experience.

b. Senior’s Building Bridges – This will be held on Mondays in October from 3-4 pm. Teens will show Seniors how to use their computers, Ipads, etc.

c. Pumpkin FEST/Food Truck FEST – Will be held on Saturday October 14. The pumpkin Fest is from 10-12 and volunteers are needed. The Food Truck FEST will be held that afternoon from 2:30 to 6:30 pm. Jason mentioned that the BOS requested that these festivals be in honor to Marty Shane, a long time supervisor and supporter of all events, who passed away this year.

d. Dutch Apple Trip – Scheduled for October 26.

e. Neighbor to Neighbor Day – Will be held on November 11. Jason commented that this is a good event. He needs more volunteers.

f. 35+ Flag Football Tourney- November 11.

g. Run in the Park – October 22.

h. Reindeer – December 2 from 10-12 at the Blacksmith Shop

#### **2. Park Maintenance Report**

Public Works is doing regular maintenance. The playground surface will be replaced in about 6 years.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

None

### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

Blacksmith Shop – Jess learned the blacksmithing skills, so she is filling in while Gary is on vacation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary