

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

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

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 October 5, 2023 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Deborah commented that the Dutch Apple trip was very good. There were about 40 people attending. The food was good and the Margaritaville show was very good.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pickleball Courts - The pickleball courts opened in early June. All 8 courts are being used from 9 am to 11 am and from 5pm to close. Jason formed a focus group of township residents in September to review current play style and to see what could be done for 2024 to make play smoother and more fun for all. The following are the recommendation from the committee:

- Reservations just for residents and only on weekdays.
 - Rationale – reservations are a benefit to township residents; weekends are too busy for reservations and the additional two courts are needed for paddle up play.
- Courts will be renumbered; reservation courts will be on the two courts closest to the playground.
- Two more paddle up racks will be purchased making a total of four.
- Courts are all paddle up except for reservations courts.
 - Play to 11
 - Winners stay on court and split
 - Max of two games in a row as winners
 - If 10 people waiting, play to 9
 - If 20 people waiting, all 4 players off

- These would be the common rules posted on large, aluminum signs
- Courts will remain “all skill levels”
- Township sponsored events
 - Max of one per month, Township resident is POC
 - Sunday afternoons
 - Minimum of three courts and 12 players
 - Interest to do one large, third party run tournament per year.

Eric made a motion to recommend the above 2024 pickleball rules and policies as presented. Deborah seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Toddler Trick or Treat – This was held last Friday morning at the playground. There were about 150 kids. The weather was good and the sponsors were great. Deborah and Ruth were there.

3. Pumpkin Festival and Food Truck and Music Festival - These two events were held on Sunday October 22 (had to be changed because of bad weather). The Pumpkin Festival had about 1,500+ people. 100 pumpkins were leftover so people attending the Food Truck and Music Festival could take them. Jason did no special advertising and attendance was good. The food and music were very good. We had 4 good sponsors.

4. Snow the Reindeer Meet and Greet – This will be held on Saturday December 2 from 10 am – 12 pm. There were only 90 tickets this year. Jason reviewed the map and suggested that those who want to help come at 9 am and park in the bee hive area.

5. Tree Lighting - This annual event will be held on Saturday December 2 from 6 pm to 7 pm. The Uptown Knauer team will do the entertainment. Carmen Battavio will be Santa. Luminaries are being sold again this year. One bag is \$5 and can be dedicated if you want.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Milltown Dam Park – The playground equipment has been installed and the kids are using it. The sign will be placed at the intersection. The historical sign is ready.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

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

b. 35+ Flag Football Tourney – This was cancelled.

c. Stuff Santa’s Sleigh - This toy drive will be held mid-November to December 1. Jason will post a sign on the tree of what toys are needed.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. Public Works is doing regular maintenance. The playground shade shell will be removed for the winter, and the Veteran Pavillion rest rooms will be closed for the winter.
2. The Bow Tree pond is ready for dredging to start.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

ANY OTHER MATTER

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday December 7. Dinner at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary