

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
December 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 7, 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 (via phone)

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 November 2, 2023 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Deborah commented that there will be gift wrapping no Monday for the Santa's Sleigh gifts at 1:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Reindeer - Jason mentioned that they sold 10 less tickets than last year which made the lines more manageable. Dolores gave out gingerbread in the house and Santa was there too. Surveys were good.

2. Tree Lighting - The dance group was very good again this year. The Uptown Theater group was good but too long. Theo, 7 years old, was given the Youth Holiday Spirit Award. He came dressed as an elf and was so confident and so much fun. DeVacchio decorated the tree this year.

3. 2024 Program Schedule – Jason reviewed the 2024 Program Schedule. The Washington DC Teen Amazing Race for July 30 is a scavenger hunt. He plans to take about 100 teens, 7 to 8 on a team. The prize is the flag over the US Capital that day which goes to the winning team.

He wanted to have two sites for the summer camp in 2024 but we are losing a lot of staff so he will only have one. Township residents will have early registration.

Escape Room – Jason described how this will be during the Civil war and those in the room have to escape before more troops come.

There will be a day trip to Gettysburg in the Fall.

Campout – will be in May or June. The Guinness World Record for number of people howling at the moon is 814. Jason wants to pass this and has submitted an application.

Pickleball – Jason spoke with Concord Township that has 12 pickleball courts. He also found out that the PIAA does not recognize pickleball as a high school sport. It is considered a club. So, we might host a local PA State HS Championship.

4. Reminder 2024 Park Commission Reorganization – Jason reminded everyone that the Commission will have to select new officers in January.

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 and contains a photo of the original school. A ribbon cutting will be held Friday at 4 pm.
2. Milltown Dam – The permits were finally received to lower the dam. However, funding was not provided for a park in the actual dam area.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Upcoming Events -

- a. Trip to New York City – December 9. Jess will be on this trip.
- b. Stuff Santa’s Sleigh - The gift wrapping will be held on Monday Dec. 11 at 1 pm.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. Public Works is doing regular maintenance. They are preparing the Section 1 pond in Bow Tree for dredging.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

ANY OTHER MATTER

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kishor moved to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday January 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary