

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
March 7, 2024

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at the Township Building.

Commission members present are highlighted:

Eric Tobin, Chairman
Peter Knapp, Vice Chairman
Karen Battavio, Secretary
Deborah Snyder
Jessica Bottaro
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Daniel Leicht
Doug Staffelbach
Kishor Thakarar
Joseph Zulli

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation (via phone)
Jess Wilhelmy, Recreation Program Coordinator
Peter Hicks, Township Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Peter called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Peter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Peter asked for a moment of silence for our Military and first responders.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 1, 2024 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Eagle Scout Project Proposal - Conrad J. Kawalski II, Scout in Troop 93, 9th grade student at East High School, gave a presentation to put bat houses in East Goshen Park. He explained that the Little Brown Bat is endangered due to white nose syndrome. He will build 3 triple chamber bat houses which can hold up to 200 bats. He pointed out the locations in the park. They are ¼ mile away from water and facing south. He showed the timeline for installation which he estimated will be 60 – 100 hours. Home Depot will drop off the supplies. His uncle will use the auger to dig the holes. He created a QR code that, when scanned, will present information about the bats. Joe tried it and it was very good. His theme is “if you build it, they will come”. Jason and the Commission members thanked Conrad for the excellent presentation.

Discussion after Conrad left the meeting - Jason commented that usually for these projects the Commission gives a donation of \$200.00 and a plaque on completion. Ann Marie moved to approve Conrad’s bat house project and give the \$200.00 donation and the plaque. Deborah seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Memorial Day Event – Jason mentioned that the BOS has requested this event. He met with the West Chester VFW. They do an event every year at 12 noon with about 30 people. So, our event will be held on Monday May 27 at 2:00 pm at the main entrance to East Goshen Park. There will be bagpipes, then a welcome from Jason and a BOS. Then the VFW will do the flag and bugle ceremony which will take about 30 minutes. There will be some refreshments at the Hicks Pavilion. Commission members discussed a bike parade and gold star family.

3. ABC Planning Meeting - This meeting will be held on Tuesday March 12 at 6:00 pm. Jason reviewed the Accomplishments for 2023 and the Goals for 2024. Everyone agreed with his reports.

4. East Goshen Park Bathrooms – The Veterans bathrooms are usually closed during the winter but were open this year due to renovation of the Hicks bathrooms. After the renovation was done, the water well pump broke so both bathrooms had to be closed.

5. East Goshen Park Camp Out – So far 80 residents have signed up for this event. Registration will be open to the public tomorrow. Jason had 100 families last year and hopes to have 200 this year.

6. Egg Hunt in East Goshen Park – This will be held on Saturday March 16 at 9:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2024 Special Events – Jason reviewed the special events for this year.

2. Newsletter Article - Everyone reviewed Eric’s article for the Newsletter and found it to be very good.

3. Fee Schedule – Jason mentioned that the fee schedule for using the park is being reviewed. No changes yet.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1, Yoga and Senior Cards are ongoing.

2. Senior Book Club – March 12

3. Township Yard Sale – April 13

4. NYC Trip – May 4

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

None

LIAISON REPORTS

None

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Milltown Dam - Jason mentioned that the bids were very high for this project so the BOS did only what was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary