

Park Commission Agenda
Thursday, September 5th, 2024, 7pm

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
4. Approval of Thursday, June 6th meeting minutes
5. Chairperson's Report

New Business

6. Review – Community Day
7. Review – Summer Camp
8. Review – SE PA Teen Film Showcase
9. Update – 2025 Ireland trip
10. Memo – EGTPR Sports Fields, Fee Schedule

Old Business

11. Update – EGTPR 2024 Special Events
12. Park and Recreation Director Report
 - a. Yoga, Senior Cards – on going
 - b. Park sports – on going
 - c. Township Yard Sale = Sept 7
 - d. Chester County Art Walk – Sept 28
 - e. Pumpkin Fest – Oct 12
 - f. Food Truck and Music Festival – Oct 12
13. Maintenance Report
14. Liaison Reports
15. Another other matter
16. Public Comment
17. Meeting Adjournment

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
June 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, June 6, 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

Eric called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Eric led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric asked for a moment of silence for our first responders.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorial Day Event – Jason reported that because of the weather this event was cancelled. We will have it next year.

3. Camp Out - This overnight camp out was awesome this year. The weather was perfect and there were 175 people there. There were 2 movies, silent disco dancing, level up baseball paid for 75 medals for kickball. Breakfast was 600 donuts from Wawa. 40% of the attendees had never camped out before. The approval rate was 99%. It raised \$2,500.00 for the FOEG!

4. East Goshen Egg Hunt – There was discussion of this event. Next year there will be no candy. We will use stickers instead. We received complaints that allowing older siblings to participate in a younger age group is not good. They take too much of the items. Also, it was noticed that some parents pick up items.

5. East Goshen Italy Trip – Jason reported that they used Collette again this year and 9 residents went to Italy in April. The next trip will be to Ireland. In 2025 they will consider taking a Music Tour from New Orleans to Nashville. We usually have about 12 seats on a tour but next year we may have 30. East Goshen gets a percentage of the costs.

6. Teen Wellness - Jason gave an overview of this Committee. Its Mission is to provide teens in the area opportunities to make friends, develop social bonds, and improve their well-being through activities and shared

1 knowledge about personal wellness. It will provide a platform for local teenagers to be directly involved in creating
2 park and rec activities. There is a grant for \$5,000.00 available for this. Joe feels this should be a subcommittee of
3 the Park and Recreation Commission. Kishor made a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve this as a
4 subcommittee to the Park and Recreation Commission. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion passed
5 unanimously.

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7 7. CAPRA Certification – Jason explained the process for getting this certification. When he gets certified as a
8 CAPRA rep, he will go to other communities and do certifications. In 2026 the National Conference will be held in
9 Philadelphia.

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11 **OLD BUSINESS**

12 **1. 2024 Special Events** –

13 a. Community Day – This will be held on Saturday June 29th. There will be a Park & Rec table, helicopter
14 landings, pony rides, live band and, new this year, Axe Throwing which will cost \$5 per person. Last year there
15 were 25 entries for the Photo Contest but only two this year, so he cancelled this. Bryn Mawr Rehab Artibility will
16 have a display.

17 b. Ping Pong Parkinson's – This started in Europe and is now in the USA. It is a national 501c3
18 organization. They will start next Tuesday and there is about 10 people coming.

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20 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

- 21 1, Yoga and Senior Cards are ongoing.
22 2. Park Sports – on going
23 3. Cookie Cutters Crafting In the Park – Tuesdays at 10 am during the summer
24 4. Community Day – June 29
25 5. WC Concert Band – July 14
26 6. Ireland Trip Meetings

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28 **PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

29 The fountains in the East Goshen Park are on wells. Each month the water tests are failing. Eventually they will
30 have to get public water installed for the fountains which may cost around \$300,000.00. For the short term they
31 will install water machines.

32 Noise – they have received noise complaints from a new resident. Last week it was about a kindergarten event.
33 Jason took a class on Pickleball noise. Some people are on our courts at 6 am. He hasn't received any noise
34 complaints about the Pickleball. He explained the noise levels that are involved.

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36 **LIAISON REPORTS**

- 37 1. BOS – they are meeting one day per month in the Summer.

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39 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

40 1. Pickleball Training Class – This is a 6 week class and the 3 instructors are East Goshen residents. Class
41 members are very pleased. However, there were a couple of times when people wouldn't leave the court for the
42 class.

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44 **ADJOURNMENT**

45 There being no further business, Eric moved to adjourn the meeting. Peter seconded the motion. The meeting was
46 adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting was scheduled for July 4 so there will be no July meeting. The
47 next regular meeting will be held on Thursday August 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

Memo

August 19, 2024

To: Park and Recreation Commission

From: Department of Parks and Recreation

Re: Sports Facilities, Rental Fees

The Department of Parks and Recreation's current sports facilities rental fee structure is set at \$12 per hour. This fee was established in 2020. Since then, variable cost park maintenance expense items like fuel, lubricants and equipment repair have increased. The Department is recommended a modest increase from \$12 to \$15 per hour to account for the increased park maintenance expenses. A fee of \$15 would compare favorably with the median fee of neighboring municipalities with similar facilities. The Township cuts grass, drags the infields and performs one-time maintenance tasks as needed, similar to the municipalities listed below. If the motion is approved, this would move to the Township Board of Supervisors to be considered.

Municipality	Fee
E. Whiteland	\$12.5 / hour
Willistown	\$40 for 2 to 4 hours
W. Whiteland	\$75 for 2.5 hours
WC Borough	\$45 for 2 hours
E. Bradford	\$20 / hour

Motion: I recommend increasing the current sports facilities rental fees to \$15 per hour, beginning January 1, 2025.