

**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

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

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. 2024 Special Events –**

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

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

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

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

### **PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

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

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

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

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

### **ANY OTHER MATTER**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary