

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
October 3, 2024**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 3, 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 and police.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 5, 2024 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. America250 Event - In 2026 America will be celebrating its 250th year! Jason is planning to have a joint event with West Goshen. In 1776 this area was known as Goshenville. This event will replace Community Day but be very similar to it. The event concept would mirror the EGT-WGT Bicentennial Celebration held in 2016. Some event components could include:

- Brief dignitary parade into EGT Park
- Historical Reenactors
- Play
- 1776 depictions of how Americans lived then
- Kid activities
- Food Trucks
- Fireworks (this could be a combination of fireworks and drones)

Anticipated event budget is between \$30,000 and \$36,000. Cost would be shared with WGT.

Next Steps: EGT & WGT would agree to an event date, budget, and begin discussing the event program.

Jessica made a motion to recommend partnering with West Goshen Township to host an America250 event in EGT park in 2026. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review - The Yard Sale was good. Parking at the township building is always crowded. The Art Walk was held at East High School because of the weather. We used the main gym (50 Artists) and the Auxiliary gym (30 Artists). There was one food truck. Attendance was very good. They liked the Treasure Hunt game and artists donated some of their art for prizes for this game. Jason acknowledged the young men from West Chester University who provided help getting the artists set up. Comments were that signs were needed to show the way to the Auxiliary Gym and they liked it indoors because it was easier to walk around and see all the art work.

3. Friends of East Goshen - Jason commented that FOEG presented a check for \$32,000 to the Park & Recreation Commission. FOEG has a remaining balance of \$10,000. It has been a good year of fund raising.

4. Pumpkin Festival & Food Truck & Music Festival - These events will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024. The Pumpkin Festival will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. There will be two food trucks with breakfast food. The Girl Scouts will have hot chocolate. The Bach to Rock band will provide music. The Food Truck & Music Festival will be held the same day from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm also in the EGT park. Food trucks will be available and two bands.

5. Ping Pong Parkinsons - This is a national nonprofit organization. They meet on Tuesday at the EGT Building from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. There are 3 – 6 people attending and it is helping them.

6. The Malvern Library was refurbished and will reopen on November 16 at 2:00 pm.

7. Veterans Day - On Monday November 11, 2024 at 10:00 am there will be a ceremony at EGT park.

OLD BUSINESS - None

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

- 1, Yoga and Senior Cards are ongoing.
2. Park sports are ongoing.
3. Neighbor to Neighbor Day is November 9 for 3 hours.
4. Toddler Trick or Treat will be held on October 25 at 10:00 am at the playground.
5. Reindeer will be held on December 12 from 10:00 am to 12 noon at the Blacksmith Shop.
6. Christmas Tree Lighting will be held in the evening of December 12th.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. Jason reported that the park is good until November. After Halloween the shades will come down in the playground and the bathrooms will be closed.

LIAISON REPORTS

ANY OTHER MATTER

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Debbie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday November 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary