

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
January 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 2, 2025 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

Others present were:

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

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 military.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reorganization - Since the current officers agreed to stay in office, Debbie made a nomination to continue Eric Tobin as Chairman, Peter Knapp as Vice Chairman and Karen Battavio as Secretary. Kishor seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

2. 2025 Programming and Events Calendar - Jason reviewed the 2025 Programs and Events Calendar. The only changes made were for Camp Registration which will start on February 6th for residents and February 13th for non-residents. Also the date for the Tree Lighting was changed to December 1st a Monday night at 6:30 pm. The Commission members approved the calendar.

3. Events for Seniors – Debbie mentioned that she is planning a Wacky Winter Olympics for Seniors. It will be held on January 23, 2025 at 1 pm at the Township Building. She described the 6 events planned so far. She needs judges. Other events will be February 13th Valentines event, March St. Patrick's Jeopardy, and Christmas in July. She commented that the Book Club has about 17 members and she expressed thanks to the Malvern Library.

4. Reindeer - Greet Snow the Reindeer went very well. There were about 55 families. Jason feels that next year we should change the fee back to \$50. The professional photographer took photos that were put on the website. One photo per family was free but they could purchase additional photos if they wanted.

5. New Logo Design – Jason mentioned that the current Logo was designed in 2013 and we’ve added a full time staff member, numerous park facilities , many programs and the logo no longer encompasses all that EGTPR means to our community. He outlined his plan to include the community in selecting a new logo and plans to put it in the 2025 winter Newsletter.

6. Food Trucks – Jason provided a list of the food trucks and what they provide. He also indicated what events they have come to in the past. The list was reviewed and no changes were made.

OLD BUSINESS

1. America250 – Jason is starting to work with West Goshen on this event.

2. Mill Creek Ballfield – A representative of Miracle Field came from Cincinnati to see the Mill Creek site. This site may be converted to a Miracle Field which is a field for kids and adults with disabilities. Jason wrote a memo to the Board of Supervisors describing the project. He described the need for it, the general design, the proposed location, maintenance, funding of the project and the project team members. He discussed the possible need for lights. He will contact the 4 residents near this field if needed. He will review this plan with the BOS at their next meeting. The Township Engineer will make a quote of costs for engineering, electric, water, etc. The commission members were very impressed with this project.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

- 1, Yoga, Zumba and Senior Cards are ongoing.
2. Ping Pong Parkinson – on going

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. Jason reported that the park is closed for events for the winter.

LIAISON REPORTS

ANY OTHER MATTER

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Debbie moved to adjourn the meeting. Peter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday February 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary