

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
September 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at the Township Building.

Commission members present are highlighted:

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

Others present were:

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Karen called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
Karen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Karen asked for a moment of silence for our first responders and military.
Karen asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 5, 2025 meeting were approved..

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dog Park Jason received a letter from a former resident asking for consideration of a dog park. In the Park Master Plan in 2014, this was considered but again there was no interest. Jason will respond.

2. Ping Pong Parkinson Program - Jason reported that we have received a \$1,000 PPF Grant for the Ping Pong Parkinson Program so he can purchase two more tables which equals four so far. He will be at the National Conference and will do a session on this program.

3. Red White and Blue Sports Program - Jason wants to create a program for adults with different political viewpoints to find common ground and shared interest among sports, programs and activities. The Red White and Blue signifies R = Republican, W = Independent/other parties, and Blue = Democrats. However, we would not ask for party affiliation, voting records or any similar information. There will be one weeknight meeting per week. 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Options would be: Pickleball, Bocce, basketball, kickball, wiffleball, Ping Pong and Ultimate Frisbee among others. Registrants would be divided up indiscriminately during each program date and include no dialogue about politics. Karen made a motion to recommend the Red, White and Blue Sports Program move to the BOS for further consideration. Kishor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. East Goshen Park and Recreation on the Go - Jason commented that, while East Goshen Parks & Recreation does many things well, one area of improvement is expanding recreational opportunities closer to our residential neighborhoods. Currently, most of our programs and events only take place in EGT Park or the Township Building. The Township does have many more public park spaces within our neighborhoods where we can introduce “walkup” events. There are many other communities across PA that do something similar. We would call it our “Parks and Rec on the Go”. It would take place in public spaces such as, Marydell Pond, Bow Tree Pond, Grand Oak Open Space, Milltown Playground, etc. It will be offered once a month April – October, 6 – 7:30 pm in a different space each month. The proposed budget of \$500 would be an addition to the 2026 PR general operating budget. The \$500 would be used to stencil the new PR logo and “on the go” on the sides of the PR trailer. We propose rolling out a “video challenge” where neighborhoods would pitch why they should be the first “on the go” neighborhood visit. Jessica moved to recommend the “Parks and Rec on the Go” program move to the BOS for 2026 general fund budget consideration. Karen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Pickleball Courts Sponsorships - Jason has had conversations with people who would be interested in sponsoring use of the courts. The revenue can be used to purchase new racquet sport equipment and maintenance. The Friends of East Goshen (501c3) would be our sponsorship package partner. Sponsors would donate to FOEG and would be able to hang a banner on the courts for a period of time. For \$1,000 a sponsor banner would be hung for one year. The sponsor provides the banner max size of 4’ x 8’. All banners need to be Township approved. Also, for \$500 the banner would be hung during summer months of May – September. The banners would be hung facing the inside of the courts. Jessica moved to recommend the pickleball courts sponsorship program move to the BOS for consideration. Kishor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Art Walk - The Art Walk will be held Saturday September 27 and can be moved to Rustin High School if weather is bad.

7. Camp Out and Pumpkin Festival - These events will be held on the same day.

8. Veterans Day and Neighbor to Neighbor Day - these events will be held on the same day. The Veterans Day event will be at the EG park at 10 am. Then Neighbor to Neighbor Day will be after it.

OLD BUSINESS

1. America250 & Chesco Catalina Wine Mixer events -

- a. The America250 will be held on May 30, 2026. - There will be another meeting next week.
- b. Catalina Wine Mixer will be held on September 6, 2025 from 2 to 6 pm at the Chester County American Helicopter Museum. This is sold out. The weather is questionable but there is space to move inside.

2. Mill Creek Ballfield Conversion to Miracle Field- Jason reported that they are waiting to get approval from Johnson & Johnson for access to the field.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

- 1, Yoga, Zumba and Senior Activities are ongoing.
2. PingPong Parkinson – on going
3. Catalina Wine Mixer – Septemver 6\
4. Art Walk and Camp out – Sept 27

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

1. Bathrooms - The 2026 budget will include funds to renovate the bathrooms in EG park.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

ANY OTHER MATTER

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting. Debbie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday October 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary