

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
November 6, 2025

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

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 October 2, 2025 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Park and Recreation Logo - There were 200 votes and they selected #2 on the website. The Commission members suggested that a camera be part of it.

2. Pumpkin Festival - This annual event was held on Saturday October 11th from 10 am to 12 noon. It was well attended. However, several people mentioned that they saw people taking too many pumpkins. Next year the area will be enclosed in snow fence and the pumpkins will be set on the ground in rows for the kids to pick up. The masks were a great hit with the kids. The stickers were better than face painting.

3. Food Truck and Music Festival - This was not well attended because of the rain that came through in the afternoon.

4. Senior Halloween Activities - Family Feud was held on October 30. About 30 people attended some with very good costumes. Prizes were given for the best costume and the winning Family Feud team. They collected candy for the VA.

5. Toddler Trick or Treat - This event is always a lot of fun watching the young children in their costumes ask for candy. The Candy Corn Survey was fun too so it will be done next year. The survey showed that over 50% want to allow candy corn for Halloween.

6. 2026 Calendar – Jason provided copies of the calendar of events for 2026.

7. Beat Ben Fun Run - This will be held on April 25, 2026. Jason will dress up as Ben Franklin and race with the kids. There will be kite flying demos and crafts for the kids.

OLD BUSINESS

1. America250 - This will be held on May 30, 2026 from 3:00 pm to the fire works. The Army old guard is coming for the parade which will be at 5:00 pm.

2. Mill Creek Ballfield Conversion to Miracle Field– Jason reported that they sent a letter to Synthes but haven't heard back from them yet. The contingency plan is that it could be done in East Goshen Park where the soccer fields are. Bathrooms will be needed, and it will be surrounded by fencing.

3. NRP Conference – this will be held Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, 2026 in Philadelphia. Jason asked that some of the Commission members attend.

4. Food Truck Festival – This will be held October 10, 2026. Jason has applied for a grant.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

- 1, Yoga, Zumba and Senior Activities are ongoing.
2. PingPong Parkinson – on going
3. WEGO Coat Drive – Nov 5 to Nov 26. The box is in the lobby.
4. Salute to Service Day – Nov. 8 at 10 am at East Goshen Park entrance.
5. Holiday Celebration and Christmas Tree Lighting – Dec 1
6. Stuff Santa's Sleigh Toy Drive – Dec 1 to Dec 15.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

None

LIAISON REPORTS

None

ANY OTHER MATTER

1. Reorganizing – In January 2026 the Commission will have reorganization. Eric's two year term as Chairman will be done. Also a new Comp Plan will be considered.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Debbie moved to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday December 4, 2025 and will start at 6:30 pm. Bring Holiday treats.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary