

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
January 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 8, 2026 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
Bill Quinn – new member

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Jess Wilhelmy, Recreation Program Coordinator
Ann Duffield, 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 military.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 4, 2025 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reorganization – New officers have to be elected. Eric nominated Debbie Snyder for Chairman/President. Karen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Debbie nominated Karen Battavio for Vice Chairman/Vice President. Ann Marie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jessica nominated Ann Marie for Secretary. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Danny Leicht – Jason announced that Danny is moving to West Goshen and has to resign from the Commission. He will also step down from the Friends of East Goshen. He was a member of the Park & Recreation Commission for 10 years. Jason recalled a day at the market with “Batman” and the kids. Jason presented him with a green baseball shirt with the new logo on the sleeve and the number 25. Danny will be missed.

3. 2026 Calendar - Jason provided copies of the 2026 Calendar and reviewed it. The following events will need volunteers to help:

March 28 Egg Hunt

April 25 Beat Ben Fun Run

May 30 Goshenville 250 – This is the main celebration for the 250th anniversary of the US. There will be a parade from the Chamber into the park. The event will start at 3 pm and the parade will be at 5 pm. There will be 3 wagons in the parade – 1 for East Goshen, 1 for West Goshen and 1 for others. There will be fireworks and drones.

3rd week, May-October – there will be events in the local community parks.
May 13 – 6 pm – 8 pm – “67 Games” – for kids ages 11 – 13. There will be 67 participants.

4. Wacky Olympics – Debbie Snyder mentioned this will be on Thursday January 29 from 1 to 3:30 pm. The date had to be changed because of work being done in the Township building. She described some of the games. She still needs 2 judges.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mill Creek Ballfield – Jason reported that the call with Johnson & Johnson was cancelled and set for mid-January. Ann Marie spoke about the needs of handicapped people. Jason explained how the Miracle Field will be set up.

2. EG Park Bathroom Renovation - The bathroom at the playground will be demolished. Mark Miller met with property owners who gave permission for him to hook up to their public water connection. Right now the bathrooms are on wells which has to be tested every month.

3. Ping Pong Parkinson – Jason introduced Bill Quinn, the Commission’s new member. Bill has been involved with the Ping Pong Parkinson event from the start. He has assisted Jason. He spoke about how good it is for these people. It is at full capacity now.

4. Rock Climbing – Jason mentioned that Malvern has a Rock Climbing facility. He is meeting with them to discuss a possible event.

5. Year End Report – Jason will email his Year End Report to everyone.

6. Ball Fields – The ball fields will open on April 1st.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Yoga, Zumba and Senior Activities are ongoing.
2. Ping Pong Parkinson – on going
3. Amputee and RWB Ping Pong

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

Refer to Old Business #2.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Ann Duffield – She mentioned the need for the Township to have a grant writer.

ANY OTHER MATTER

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday February 5, 2026 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary