

Park Commission Agenda
Thursday, March 5th, 2026, 7pm

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
4. Approval of Thursday, Feb 5th, 2025, meeting minutes
5. Chairperson's Report

New Business

6. Discussion – ABC Kickoff Meeting, March 10th, 6pm
7. Reminder – ABC Code of Ethics Forms due
8. Memo – Chesco Art Walk, Wine/Beer vendor
9. Review – Ned Hector (America250) event
10. Discussion – Township Egg Hunt, logistics
11. FYI – BOS Memo, Blacksmith Shop, Kiosk
12. Review America250 calendar
 - a. Discussion – EGT-based Rev War skirmishes, topographical map
 - b. Update - USA250 event in WC Borough, August 2nd

Old Business

13. Update – Potential Mill Creek ballfield conversion to Miracle Field
14. Update – EGT Park bathroom renovation project
15. Park and Recreation Director Report
 - a. Yoga, Zumba, Senior Activities – on going
 - b. Ping Pong Parkinson – on going
 - c. Amputee Ping Pong – March 17
 - d. America250 – Ned Donoghue, March 25, WGT Bldg.
16. Maintenance Report
17. Liaison Reports
18. Another other matter
19. Public Comment
20. Meeting Adjournment

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
February 5, 2026

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at the Township Building.

Commission members present are highlighted:

Deborah Snyder, Chairman

Karen Battavio, Vice Chairman

Eric Tobin, Chairman

Peter Knapp, Vice Chairman

Jessica Bottaro

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore

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

Deborah called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Deborah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deborah asked for a moment of silence for our first responders, military and all that protect us.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Code of Ethics – Jason mentioned that everyone has a copy of the Code of Ethics which all ABC members need to sign. He asked that everyone read and sign it and bring it to next month’s meeting.

2. Spring Newsletter - Jason commented that the Township Newsletter will be sent out in the Spring and Fall only. He reviewed the article he wrote for the Spring Newsletter. There were no changes.

3. Park and Recreation Additions - This year Jason wants to hold an On The Go Program Wednesday evenings from May – October. He will hold an event in the park spaces in each neighborhood.

4. Locust Lane Brewery – Tom Arnold, the owner of Locust Lane Brewery, is very much into Soccer and wants to hold a World Cup event. Jason discussed the pros and cons of this 30 day event. Although it is a good idea, it cannot be held in East Goshen Park. He suggested that Mr. Arnold contact the Goshen Fire Co. to see if he can use their fair grounds.

5. Food Truck Vendors – Jason reviewed the list of food truck vendors. Commission members gave their suggestions.

6. Review – Seniors Wacha Olympics – Deborah reported that only 12 participants came this year probably because of the weather. The axe throwing was very popular. She will hold this event next year.

1 7. Amputee Ping Pong - This event was just held at the prosthetics store next to the Township building. They met
2 a woman who lost a hand and was very interested in Ping Pong. It will be held on February 20th at the East Goshen
3 Township Building.

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5 8. America250 - This will be held on May 30th. Jason reviewed the list of events. There will be a parade with 3
6 wagons, one for East Goshen, one for West Goshen and one for sponsors.

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8 9. USA250 – The West Chester Borough will hold this event in West Chester on August 2nd.

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10 10. Kids Club – This after school program will be powered by KMHN (Kids Mental Health Network). It is a
11 program for kids that are suffering from stress. Meetings will be held in March, April and May.

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13 11. ABC Kickoff Meeting - This meeting is for all ABC members. Dinner will be served at 6 pm and the meeting
14 will start at 6:30 pm on March 10th. The important item this year is the review of the Comprehensive Plan. Jason
15 reviewed what he will present at the meeting.

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17 **OLD BUSINESS**

18 1. Miracle Field – No discussion

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20 2. EGT Park Renovations

21 a. Bathrooms at the Playground will be replaced and connected to public water and sewer.

22 b. The Volleyball court will be renovated with new sand, etc.

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24 3. Ball Fields – The ball fields will open in late March.

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26 **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

27 1, Yoga, Zumba and Senior Activities are ongoing.

28 2. Ping Pong Parkinson – on going

29 3. Amputee Ping Pong – Feb. 20

30 4. America250 – Noah Lewis as Ned Hector, Feb. 26

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32 **PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

33 Refer to Old Business #2.

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35 **LIAISON REPORTS**

36 1. Ann Duffield – She mentioned that she spoke about Park & Recreation and what you all do. She mentioned
37 where younger people live in the township and feels that the Commission should look at possible activities for this
38 group.

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40 **ANY OTHER MATTER**

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43 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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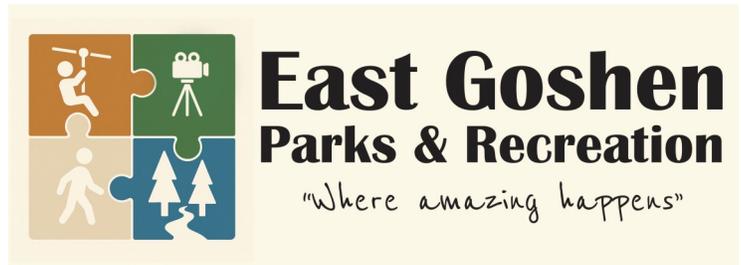
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52 Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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2026 ABC Kickoff Meeting - Park Commission

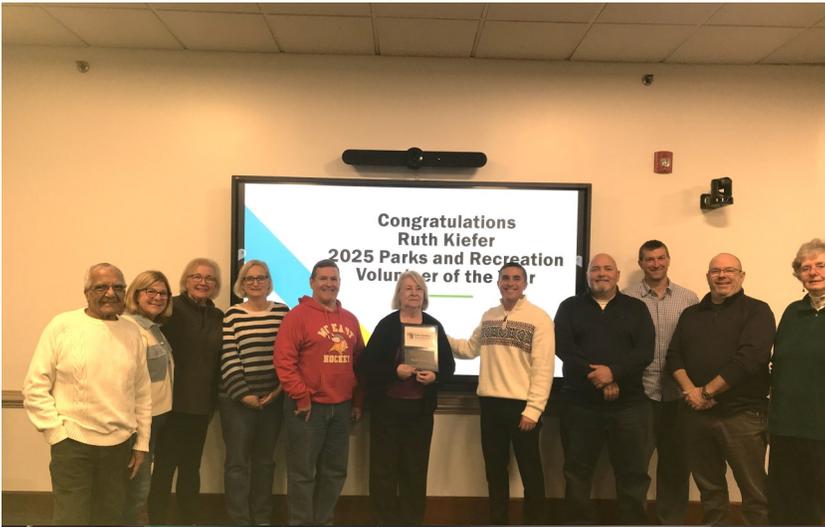
2025 Accomplishments

- Ruth Kiefer named Parks and Rec Volunteer of the Year; Bill Quinn accepts appointment and Danny Leicht resigns
- Created new Parks and Recreation logo and “Adaptive Recreation” program focus area
- 620,000 visits to EGT/Applebrook Park via SOPARC data collection
- Revenues were 57% of expenses; this is double the NRPA Park Metric national average
- Increased Senior programming to include Movie Mondays, Book Club and monthly themed events like Senior’s Wacky Olympics
- Jason recognized with national Garden Club of America Hull Award (youth environmental education)
- Adaptive Recreation programs: PingPongParkinson and Amputee Bocce/Ping Pong
- “Neighbor Day” + “Veteran’s Day” events rebranded as “Salute to Service Day”
- FOEG donates \$45k to EGT; Catalina Wine Mixer smash success
- Collette Travel partnership = \$20k net revenue; 2026 trips are Iceland, Greece and Alaska
- Last 5 NRPA Gold Medal communities have ??? FT staff; EGT = 2
- Cultivated 40+ partnerships = creates ability to offer 50+ programs/year



2026-27 Goals

- Celebrate 15+ America250 events in “Goshen Township”. Headlined by Beat Ben Fun Run (April 26), America250 at Goshen (May 30), Spy Camp, monthly speaker series, & battlefield tours; in partnership with West Goshen Township
- Renovate EGT Park volleyball court; spring/summer programming
- Bocce courts; Eagle Scout bocce closet, accessible bocce sets
- Public water to EGT Park (26); new playground bathroom (27)
- Continue progress towards renovation of Goshen Parkway baseball field into Miracle Field
- New initiative: introduce neighborhoods to walkable park spaces via “Parks and Rec on the Go”
- New Programs: RWB Adult Sports, Arts/Board Game Camps, “67” Games, Kidsclub powered by Kids Mental Health Foundation



Memo

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Parks and Recreation Commission
Re: Chester County Art Walk, addition of Wine/Beer Vendor
Date: March 2, 2026

Overview:

In 2018, the referendum passed allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages in East Goshen Township, by a four to one margin. Subsequently, the ordinance was amended to include the potential for alcohol sales and/or consumption at Township sponsored events. This is on a case by case basis and needs Board of Supervisor's approval for each event.

In 2019, the BOS approved adding beer/wine vendors to the annual Food Truck and Music Festival held in October. This has been done successfully every year since. The wine/beer vendors are responsible for ensuring everyone purchasing alcohol is 21+. WEGO Police has a uniformed officer on site at all times and we have not had semblance of an issue at any event.

We've hosted the Chester County Art Walk since 2020 in partnership with the Chester County Art Association. The addition of a beer/wine garden routinely tops the list for both patrons and artists when discussing event additions.

Why offer beer/wine sales at the Chester County Art Walk?

- Would safely enhance the event and drive additional attendance.
- Would support local businesses; Locust Lane Brewery is located on Three Tun Rd. in Malvern and Turks Head Winery is based in West Chester.
- Would meet a public desire demonstrated in the referendum results, seen at the Food Truck Festival and in event surveys.
- Generated revenues would offset musical acts/WEGO fees.

- Example using an 85/15 revenue split

2,000 Event Participants	
1,000 people purchase two beverages each	\$8 x 2,000 = \$16,000
FOEG donation (15%)	\$2,400

Motion: I move to allow beer and/or wine sales and consumption at the 2019 Township Food Truck and Music Festival, scheduled for September 19, 2026.