

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

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

Commission members present are highlighted:

Deborah Snyder, Chairman
Karen Battavio, Vice Chairman
Eric Tobin
Peter Knapp
Jessica Bottaro
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Doug Staffelbach
Kishor Thakarar
Bill Quinn

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, especially the military fighting in the Middle East.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 5, 2026 were approved as amended

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Deborah mentioned that she and Karen went to the Ned Hector presentation. His reenactment and his gun collection were spectacular. He was very knowledgeable and interesting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Code of Ethics – Jason reminded everyone to sign the Code of Ethics. He had an envelope to collect them in.

2. ABC Kickoff Meeting – This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 10 at 6 pm. Jason reviewed the report he made showing the Park Commission's 2025 Accomplishments and 2026-2027 Goals. This year will be very busy with lots of America250 events.

3. Township Egg Hunt – There will be 3 age groups (3 & under, 4-5, and 6+). Jason reviewed the map showing where each age group will be. The event will take place Saturday March 28 at 10 am. Volunteers should come around 8 – 8:30. High school students will do the tattoos. Doug volunteered his son Sean to be the Easter Bunny. PT Therapy is a sponsor. Raindate is Sunday March 29.

4. Chesco Art Walk - Jason explained that the addition of beer/wine at the Chesco Art Walk routinely tops the list for both patrons and artists when discussing event additions. He reviewed his memo to the Board of Supervisors. Doug moved to allow beer and/or wine sales and consumption at the 2026 Chesco Art Walk scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10 am. Deborah seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Historic Sites - Jason reported that Chester County has planned a project to install kiosks at the historic sites in Chester County. The Blacksmith Shop in East Goshen will be one of the sites. The plan is to have access to the other sites through the kiosk. They haven't started the project yet. He is hoping they will start it this fall.

6. USA250 Event in the Borough - On Sunday, August 2, 2026, the Borough of West Chester will have a parade and displays of milestone historic events throughout the town.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Miracle Field – Jason reported that a representative from Chester County contacted Johnson & Johnson about the Miracle Field and they still said no. Jason found out that there is another field adjacent to the East Goshen Corporate Park which he is going to look into tomorrow.

2. EGT Park Renovations

- a. Bathrooms at the Playground – They need an easement to get the pipes connected to public water.
- b. The Volleyball court will be renovated with new sand, etc.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

- 1, Yoga, Zumba and Senior Activities are ongoing.
- 2. Ping Pong Parkinson – on going
- 3. Amputee Ping Pong – March 17
- 4. Sr. Saint Patricks Jeopardy, March 17, 1pm
- 4. America250 – Ned Donoghue at West Goshen Township Building at 7 pm. He will speak about the effect Quakerism had on the Revolutionary War.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

Refer to Old Business #2.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Board of Supervisors - Ann Duffield mentioned that they are considering more communication with the residents possibly through a regular email. She encouraged residents to come to the meetings.

ANY OTHER MATTER

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ann Marie moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday April 2, 2026 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary