

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**  
**Park & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**April 2, 2026**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, April 2, 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 Artemis II.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Deborah mentioned that she, Karen, and Ruth went to the presentation at West Goshen. He spoke about the Quakers and how the Revolutionary War impacted them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review Egg Hunt - There were about 600 children at the hunt. Each age group was in a different area of the playground at East Goshen Park. All 3 groups started at 10 am. In the responses from attendees, about 77% did not want the extra prizes. They would like more in the eggs. There were some complaints about parents picking up eggs. Prizes were discussed.

2. Review St. Patrick's Day Jeopardy - It went very well. Jason had green sprite soda and water.

3. Review ABC Kickoff Meeting – This is a biannual meeting of all of the ABCs. Each one gave a presentation of what they have achieved in the past 2 years and what their goals are for the next two years.

4. East Goshen Comprehensive Plan – Jason explained that this plan is reviewed every ten years. He supplied a list of Potential Park & Recreation Priorities for the Commission members to review. He reviewed his suggested priorities for the next ten years.

5. Ben Franklin Fun Run - This is part of the events for America250. It will be held on Sunday April 26 at 12 noon in East Goshen Park. Kids will have to register to participate in a run.

6. America250 at Goshen – This event will be partnered with West Goshen. It will be held at East Goshen Park on May 30, 2026. Jason provided an outline for the event listing speakers and recognitions. There will be fireworks and drone display.

7. 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 – Nothing new to report.

2. Art Walk – This will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10 am. Jason’s memo to add food and beer/wine was approved by the BOS.

**RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

- 1, Yoga, Zumba and Senior Activities are ongoing.
2. Ping Pong Parkinson – on going
3. Amputee Ping Pong – April
4. RWB Pickleball – April 7, 1-2 pm
4. America250 – Beat Ben Fun Run, April 26

**PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS**

1. Board of Supervisors - Ann Duffield mentioned that she, Larry Massaro and Derek Davis are working on the Comprehensive Plan and how to get input from the community. They spoke with someone from the University of PA Research Center, and they are willing to give advice. Economics is very important. Ann has done planning with colleges.

**ANY OTHER MATTER**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting. Kishor seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday May 7, 2026 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary