

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

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
4. Approval of October 1st, 2026, meeting minutes
5. Chairperson's Report

New Business

6. Consider –2027 concerts in EG Park
7. Consider –2027 Shakespeare in the Park performances
8. Review – Pumpkin Festival and other fall events

Old Business

9. Update – park bathroom project
10. Update – 2027 Township Comprehensive Plan
11. Park and Recreation Director Report
 - a. Salute to Service – November 14
 - b. Holiday Celebration and Christmas Tree Lighting – Dec 1
 - c. Toddler Santa Scavenger Hunt – Dec 8
 - d. NYC Trip – December 12
12. Maintenance Report
13. Liaison Reports
14. Another other matter
15. Public Comment
16. Meeting Adjournment

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
October 1, 2026

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at the Township building at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present are highlighted:

Deborah Snyder, Chairman – via phone

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, and military.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 3, 2026 meeting were approved

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Debbie reported that the senior activities are fine. She reviewed some of the upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Fall Events

a. Movie in the Park – Jason had this event for families because the camp was cancelled due to weather.

b. Art Walk – The weather was perfect. There were 128 artists. It was a huge success.

c. Parks On The Go – Marydell – Jason wants to hold this event in other open spaces. About 100 residents attended.

An ice cream truck was there. Some residents were fishing in the pond.

d. Catalina – Sold more tickets than last year. Had more seating tables. Weather wasn’t good but the band was!!

2. . Pumpkin Festival – This event will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 10 am to 12 pm. This year we will take the pumpkins out of the bins. Jason supplied a map of the park showing the individual events.

3. Capital Improvement – Jason supplied a “wish” list of 8 Potential Park and Recreation Projects.

a. 2027 Bathroom \$500,000 (not including Aqua access) Design engineering demo install ground work

b. 2027 EG Park, Exterior Trail – Improve trail to 10’ width, signage, bike lane striping etc.

c. 2027 Public Works Small Garage, second floor \$25,000. General engineering, feasibility study for potential Park and Rec indoor space.

d. 2028 Tennis/Pball courts \$60,000 – The three front courts are due for resurfacing, quote would also include touching up pickleball courts.

e. 2028 Goshen Parkway Park, \$50,000 – Feasibility Study/Public Outreach. We should identify how we want to develop the parcel. This will be discussed as part of the Comp Plan.

f. 2029 EG Park Playground – When we replace the surface, that would be the time to consider changing elements of the playground.

g. 2030 Marydell/Bow Tree Pond Neighborhood Parks – Consider adding amenities – pavilions, small playground, etc. This will be discussed as part of the Comp Plan. Ann spoke about the Marydell pond and the changes that were made around the pond. They get some complaints from residents, but it is her understanding that wildlife has returned.

h. 2031 Goshen Parkway Park - \$1,000,000

4. Chapter 163. Parks and Recreation Areas - Jason supplied copies of this ordinance and asked Commission members to read it for discussion at next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Park Bathroom Update - Nothing new.

2. EG Park Trails and Motorized Vehicle Ordinance – Jason reported that kids riding electric bikes and skateboards have been seen on the trail in EG Park. They also were seen during the Art Walk!! There is currently nothing in the ordinance about vehicles on the trail, so it needs to be discussed.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Yoga, Zumba and Senior Activities are ongoing.

2. Ping pong Parkinson – on going

3. NRPA Conference (Philly) – Sept 28-Oct 1. Jason attended and spoke about Ping Pong Parkinson.

4. Parkinson's Rock Climbing – This will start in mid October

5. Pumpkin Festival – October 10

6. Toddler Trick or Treat – October 23

7. Salute to Service – November 14

8. NYC Trip – November 12

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

None

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Supervisors – Ann reported that they sent out the Comp Plan to the ABCs for input. She is concerned about the families who live on the south side of West Chester Pike. Safety of the children is a concern.

ANY OTHER MATTER

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting and Ann Marie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

Memo

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Department of Parks and Recreation
Re: 2027 Concerts in the Park, Jackyard Concerts
Date: October 29, 2026

Overview:

In 2026, Jackyard Concerts held four concerts in the park at the Veteran's Pavilion that were well attended, with crowds of 100-200 people. These concerts were held based upon our park permit system, with approved permits/concerts incurring the \$100 fee. Park permit events are considered private, and event management can charge a ticket fee or similar to attend an event. This is also the case for 5K races that charge fees to enter the race. Private events do not get marketing support via Township avenues.

Items of Note:

These concerts fill a programming hole in our parks and recreation programming profile. While these concerts are private, many people from the public stopped by to enjoy the performance. The Parks and Recreation Dept does not have a budget for standalone concerts or events. The exception has been the rare occasion where a local business sponsors a concert.

Because these concerts do provide our residents and public with an avenue to enjoy live music, for your consideration:

- Propose waiving the \$100 fee for the concerts. This would be \$300-\$400 in 2027.
- Support these events via marketing through social media and email blasts.
- Jackyard Concerts would assist in developing promotional flyers and other materials for these concerts.

These events would still obtain the necessary park permit. Event management would continue to collect ticket fees/donations to offset event fees, handle booking the talents and managing these concerts.

Motion: I recommend we waive park permit fees and support these concerts via marketing efforts.

Memo

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Department of Parks and Recreation
Re: 2027 Theatre in the Park, Hunters Point
Date: October 29, 2026

Overview:

The Parks and Recreation Department has met and begun considering offering a 2027 summer Theatre in the Park program in partnership with Hunters Point, owned by Township resident Kelly Markus. Hunters Point is a well established live events production company that has worked with national level clients. Hunters Point has created a proposal for your review and consideration.

Motion: I make a motion to partner with Hunters Point to program and offer a Theater in the Park production from July 12th through 18th, 2027 as presented in their proposal.