

# East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 10/27/09

**Meeting Called By:** Karen Nocella

**Time:** 7:30

**Meeting Notes By:** Flora Kapp

Attended	Name	Attended	Name
	Anne R. Sage	X	Joe Pennypacker
X	Bruce Stephens	X	John Doyle
X	Carol Tucci	X	Karen Nocella
X	Cathy Carney-Horner	X	Melissa Ciacci
X	Cathy Wright		Mike Laporta
	Connie Megay		
X	Flora Kapp		

**Guests in attendance:** Walt Woessner, Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

**Agenda Item: Review Minutes from September Meeting**

- Reviewed September meeting minutes, motion by Bruce to approve as revised, seconded by Carol, all in favor, motion carried.

**Agenda Item: Letters for Community Day**

- Kathy presented draft for budget request to BOS.
  - All were in agreement with suggested revisions, Kathy to revise and forward to Karen in time for BOS meeting.
- Carol presented letter she drafted to be sent to township businesses regarding park day.
  - All were in agreement with content/wording, Carol to finalize and forward to Karen.

**Agenda Item: Federation of Northern Chester County Update**

- Karen shared invitation to 11/10 meeting at OJR 6:30-8:30pm, purpose to get the resident's opinions/ideas regarding open space, parks, etc.
- Karen informed committee that the Federation consultant will be meeting with her, supervisors, and Walt, next week to gather information regarding township concerns, plans, etc. for open space/parks.

**Agenda Item: Schuylkill River Trail Update**

- Schuylkill River Trail (Parkerford Tavern & Riverside Park) involving E Coventry, E Vincent and Chester County.
- Karen and Christine McNeil/E Vincent Township presented a slide presentation to BOS at the last meeting to explain the project.
  - To summarize, \$18,000 is needed to fund the master plan (PECO offering ½, each township \$4500).
  - Karen has requested \$4,500.
  - BOS requested proof of cooperative effort between the townships and want E Vincent to take the lead role.

- E Vincent Park & Rec committee to vote on whether or not to proceed with project and, if so, draft letter to present to their BOS stating their intent.
- Christine McNeil has requested letters of support from county.
- Walt requested new map of trail to see where it ties in with Bittersweet development.
  - E Coventry part of Schuylkill River Trail is not finalized – still waiting on decision of where to cross river.

**Agenda Item: What Should Our Goals Be for 2010?**

- Committee members to bring to next meeting their thoughts/ideas for 2010 goals, such as Fee in lieu of, 5k run, trail plan, and bond referendum.

**Agenda Item: Old/Miscellaneous**

- Karen informed committee of the forum on Thursday, 10/29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm presented by the League of Voters introducing the candidates running for the BOS position – there will be a question & answer session.
- Tree Logo, motion was made by Melissa to use logo as official letterhead; motion was seconded, and all in favor, motion carried.
- It was mentioned that we need to focus on our message that we want to relay to township residents regarding open space/conservation.
  - Need to formulate ways to do this.
  - Make note of # of developments vs. open space left.
  - Interactive booth for park day – to share township plans/news, committee's functions/plans, etc.
- Fee in lieu of
  - Karen emailed solicitor inquiring status – to date has not received response.
  - Letter of 12/08 addressed to solicitor was reviewed – response was never received.
  - Need to inform the public the meaning and benefits – a way of generating money for parks/open space without raising taxes.
  - Need to participate in BOS meetings & raise question as to status.
  - Walt shared with committee that revision to the wording in the sub division ordinance has stopped due to lack of money and that the wording for fee in lieu of is not in the ordinance at this time. He explained that the wording should be in the sub division ordinance as this is the mechanism by which it can be enforced. The revisions to the ordinance would most likely not start again till June.
    - Walt also suggested should present to BOS committee's intentions for monies gained from fee in lieu of, benefits to the community, etc.
  - Carol to draft a letter addressed to BOS/solicitor requesting the fee in lieu language be placed in the sub division ordinance, referencing her letter of 12/08 addressing this issue.
    - Bruce motioned letter be drafted, Karen seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- John reviewed the information (expenses, requirements) he gathered for prospective 5K run to be held in the fall of 2010 sponsored by the committee.
  - Karen made motion for John to be chairman of 5K run and proceed, Carol seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Melissa motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Flora. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Flora Kapp/Secretary