

East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee November 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 11/28/2017 **Meeting Called By:** Karen Nocella

Time: 7:30PM **Meeting Notes By:** Flora Kapp

Attended	Name	Attended	Name
X	Anne R. Sage	X	Flora Kapp
	Bruce Stephens	X	Karen Nocella
	Cathy Carney-Horner	X	Gary Hughs

Guests in attendance: Eric Hughs, Jason Stouch

Agenda Item: Review of September 2017 Meeting Minutes

Gary made motion to approve September minutes as well as October minutes, Karen seconded, all were in favor, minutes approved.

Agenda Item: Multipurpose Court Design

- ❖ Karen informed committee that approval had been given by BOS to engage township engineer to review/study the enlargement or addition of a 2nd multipurpose court.
- ❖ Gary presented to the committee a diagram he developed showing a separate 60X30 court as enlarging the current court would bring it too close to septic system.
- ❖ Committee reviewed Gary's plans:
 - 84' is length of a full size court can get nets with poles that are height adjustable so court could then be used for badminton/volleyball.
 - Plant new tree on other side of fire pit and four trees along path side.
 - Discussed possible funding, i.e. new Boyertown courts were sponsored by Lions & Rotary Clubs along with Pottstown Health & Wellness.
 - His research of two companies that install courts.
 - Suggested lengthening current court.
 - Charging small fee for use of courts, i.e. Municipal courts in Phoenixville charge minimal fee which goes towards upkeep.
- ❖ Karen ask to put multipurpose court on agenda and ask engineer status of his research at December BOS meeting on 12/11.
 - Gary to bring new plans to BOS meeting and present to BOS.
- ❖ Karen to contact Pottstown Health and Wellness to inquire about available grants.

Agenda Item: Spring Run - March 24th

- ❖ Committee decided to keep the May 24th date since it had already been published.
- ❖ Committee discussed:
 - Using same original planned course route (and alternative route) as last year (need final approval from BOS and Police department.)
 - Reusing salvaged signs from last year (just change date) and determine if we need to order any new.
 - Reducing number of different award categories/awards as it takes too long presenting at the end and runners want to get going.
 - Ordering t-shirts earlier and extras for each size.

Agenda Item: Schuylkill Highland Grant

- ❖ Apply for grants to be used for signage for trails.
 - Once signage installed, Karen would like to have nature hike to showcase trails/signage.
- ❖ Karen to research when grants available and date requirements.
- ❖ Karen to talk to Bernie regarding Peco Green Space Grant application.

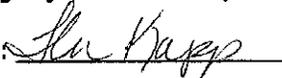
Agenda Item: Natural Lands Trust Meeting

- ❖ Natural Lands Trust held a lunch meeting on NEED Date for the surrounding townships to review the services they can provide, find out the needs of the townships, and ask how they help.
 - Karen and Lance Parsons (planning commission) attended the meeting and found the meeting to be very helpful. Karen also informed committee that the Natural Lands Trust had an "invasive plant" program/department that we could utilize.

Agenda Item: Miscellaneous

- ❖ Committee welcomed Jason Stouch back to the meeting and encouraged him to become member if he is interested.
- ❖ Schoolhouse
 - Question was raised about renovations. Karen shared that a new heating system had been installed and mold had been remediated, and building repaired to keep weather out.
 - We would need to contact with Gail Brown/Historical committee to see what their intentions are.
 - Parks & Rec committee would like to see it used as Historical commission, visitor center for Fricks Lock, and possibly rent out for small functions.
 - Make the renovations a community project - ask residents/local talent to volunteer their services, contact Christine Usler for her expertise/old photos, etc.
- ❖ Events
 - Schoolhouse tour 10am Saturday December 16th - meet at schoolhouse. After tour of our schoolhouse will continue on to a local one that has been renovated.
 - Noon - Saturday December 16th Wreath laying ceremony at cemetery on Schuylkill Road.
- ❖ Comment was made about township website as it appeared events were not updated. Suggested committee members review website and bring thoughts to next meeting.
- ❖ Due to Holidays it was agreed not to hold December meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:26 pm.

Signed: 

Date: 1/23/18

Flora Kapp/Secretary