

**MINUTES FOR THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 25, 2023
(Approved May 23, 2023)**

The Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2023. Present for the meeting were Bruce Stephens, Chair; Jason Stouch, Vice Chair; Flora Kapp, Secretary; Karen Nocella; Cathy Carney-Horner; Liz Willow; and Frank Coppo.

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and the pledge was recited.

1. Minutes.

A. Approval of Minutes of the March 28, 2023 Monthly Meeting.

Mrs. Willow made a motion to approve the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Mrs. Kapp seconded the motion. Mr. Stephens called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

2. Public Comment.

No comments were made.

3. Committee Events.

A. Review of John Doyle Rock the Wall 5K/10K Run/Walk.

1. 87 people signed up, 7 no show.
2. Mr. Stouch mentioned that all that attended seemed to enjoy. The one gentleman that complained regarding 5K distance offered to help next year. The 5K distance was corrected for rest runners/walkers.
3. Valerie Doyle told Mr. Stouch that she liked the venue but was a little concerned about parking should there be more attendees.
4. Mrs. Carey- Horner volunteered to write a thank you letter for sponsors.
5. The Committee discussed the run at Towpath Park next year. Mr. Stouch motioned that the Township hold the run at Towpath Park next year. Mrs. Kapp seconded the motion. Mr. Stephens called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

B. Build a Birdhouse.

1. Eric Hughes, Open Space Committee, reported that 32 people have signed up (20 from newsletter) for the May 6 event (rain date May 20).
2. Mr. Hughes informed the Committee that the cost for birdhouses will be around \$700 and that Ken Leister is to pick them up.

3. All Committee members are planning to attend, and Mr. Hughes asked that they bring drills, Phillips head screwdrivers, and mark them with your name.
4. Marilyn Michalski will be attending.
5. Mrs. Willow will bring a PA system and Mrs. Kapp will order lunch.

C. Pickle Ball Regulations.

1. Mike Miller and Amy Csencitz provided a proposal to the Committee explaining the paddle racks rules and instructions for building.
2. The Committee agreed to move forward due to the current/future usage of courts. It was discussed about possible signage regarding third court net in box, phasing out open play policy on website and updating with new rules/regulations. Mrs. Carney-Horner motioned to move forward with recommending rule signage and paddle racks to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Stouch seconded the motion. Mr. Stephens called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.
3. Mr. Stouch will get more details and discuss with Ray Kolb, Public Works Director, to obtain his thoughts. He will email information to Mrs. Nocella so she can bring it to the attention of BOS for approval.

4. Additional Items.

A. Trees Planted Along Pigeon Creek. (Added at the Meeting)

1. Mr. Stouch stated that he cut around trees planted along Pigeon Creek and asked for someone to help cutting closer to the trees and to identify dead trees/plants. Tubes can stay on for 5 years.

B. June 3rd is National Trails Day. (Added at the Meeting)

1. Committee planning wall at Nature Preserve. Mrs. Willow is to ask Green Valleys Watershed Association if it could help. Mrs. Nocella is to mention this at the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee meeting and Jay Erb. Water and snacks were discussed and Mr. Coppo is to ask Mrs. Coppo about baking. A suggestion was made to give a gift card to Mrs. Coppo in appreciation of all the baking she does for the Committee's events. Mrs. Nocella is to discuss this with the Township Manager and Financial Accountant.

C. Update on Park Improvements. (Added at the Meeting)

1. Mrs. Nocella informed the Committee that funding for Towpath Park is around \$1,000,000, all permits are being pulled, and the environmental engineer is to check for bog turtles. Once all is complete, the Township will seek three bids for Phase 1 work to review and approve. She also reported that work has begun on the removal of the tennis court at the Nature Preserve.

D. Update on Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery. (Added at the Meeting)

1. Mrs. Willow informed the Committee that the Pottstown Joint Veterans' Council has decided to turn over ownership of the Revolutionary Cemetery to the Township since the Township maintains it, but they still wish to be part of the Memorial Day commemoration ceremony. She wrote letter to the Township Manager, and he agreed and thinks it should be a Township Park. Mrs. Willow is currently working on the 2023 ceremony scheduled for May 28 at 2:00 PM. She is looking for someone to play/sing patriotic music. Mr. Stephens has someone in mind and will talk to him/her. Mr. Stouch volunteered to help with chairs.

5. Adjournment.

Mrs. Carney-Horner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Mr. Coppo seconded the motion. Mr. Stephens called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Flora Kapp
Secretary