

## East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee March 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 3/23/2021  
**Time:** 7:35PM

**Meeting Called By:** Jason Stouch  
**Meeting Notes By:** Flora Kapp

Attended	Name	Attended	Name
X	Bruce Stephens, Chairmen	X	Flora Kapp, Secretary
X	Cathy Carney-Horner	X	Karen Nocella
X	Jason Stouch, Vice Chairmen		Gary Hughes
X	Liz Willow	X	Frank Coppo

**Guests in attendance:** Connie Coppo; Cathy Subick, Secretary and Larry Tietjen, Vice Chair, Historical Commission

### Agenda Item: Review of February 2021 Minutes

- ❖ Jason made motion to approve February 2021 minutes, Cathy seconded, all in favor; minutes approved.

### Agenda Item: Movie Night in the Park

- ❖ Currently the Township does not have a location to hold this type of event. Karen informed Committee that the plan being developed for updating Towpath Park includes an amphitheatre which could possibly be used for this going forward.
- ❖ Liz made motion to table at this time, Jason seconded, all in favor, Movie Night in the Park tabled.

### Agenda Item: Stone Wall

- ❖ Liz informed Committee that the Mark McGreevy, stone mason she used looked at the wall and would provide method for rebuilding and pricing for 100 ft of the wall.
- ❖ Larry Tietjen, Historical Commission informed Committee that his committee would like to work in conjunction with ours to restore the wall. John Grablewski, French Creek Masonry Works, who repaired wall on his property has looked at it and been in touch with Karen and will provide his thoughts on restoration at our next meeting. Historical Commission would like to restore wall as historically accurate as possible.
- ❖ Cathy Subick, Historical Commission informed Committee that she spoke to Suzanne Ambridge, Chester County regarding available grants for this type of work. She found out that the wall would have to be on National Historic Register to apply for grants.
- ❖ Larry mentioned that wall is eligible to be on National Historic Register but Township has not completed application.
- ❖ Karen to forward April Park & Rec meeting date to Larry so that he can forward to Historical Commission for their attendance at our next meeting.
- ❖ Bruce expressed concern to trees growing behind wall causing erosion/damage of the wall. Discussed the possibility of the Township facilities department removing trees.
- ❖ Larry suggested possibly holding a workshop for residents that would be interested in taking part of the restoration.

**Agenda Item: American Rivers Grant Update**

- ❖ Karen had sent to Committee the grant completed by Michael Lane. She discussed that should the Township be awarded the grant that there is an aggressive timeline to complete the requirements for the project. Township will not know until beginning of April if awarded and completion is June. Various county groups would provide technical assistant and some volunteers. Township would be responsible for ordering plants, picking up, and volunteers.
- ❖ Karen shared with committee that last phase of signs arrived and she informed Eric Hughs. He will work with Ray to install. Signage for Maack/Wineberry/School House trails to be install by Ray as time permits with priority on kiosks.

**Agenda Item: Miscellaneous**

- ❖ Flora shared with Committee her meeting with David Sutton. He was recommended by Jay Erb/North Coventry Township and has volunteered his services for eliminating invasive plants in Ellis Woods. He resides in North Coventry, a PA Ext Master Gardener and is in the process of becoming a PA Certified Pesticide Applicator. Upon receiving his Certification he would be willing to provide free services with Township responsible for supplies. He has also offered to enlist volunteers from Master Watershed Stewards and Chester County Master Gardeners for volunteers to help cutting/pulling invasive species in Ellis Woods on April 10th, rain date April 17th if Committee and Township approve. Committee approved dates. Flora to review with Township Manager.
- ❖ Frank reviewed his idea for planting (sticking cuttings in ground) of various native trees he has planted over the years in his yard. He has been successful with application and offered to supply cuttings. Committee decided to give it a try at Wineberry and will meet this Saturday, March 27th at 9am to plant.
- ❖ Karen reviewed email from David Chew, Township resident regarding Maack invasives with Committee. She will inform him that that our Committee works on these types of issues and invite him to planting project this Saturday.
- ❖ Cathy mentioned the need of a trash can at School House trail head, Committee agreed that it is needed.
- ❖ Jason motioned to adjourn meeting, Cathy seconded, meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.

Signed: Julia Kapp

Date: 4/27/2021