

**MINUTES FOR THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

The Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Present for the meeting were Frank Coppo, Chair; Flora Kapp, Secretary; Liz Willow; Cathy Carney-Horner; and Eric Hughes. Bruce Stephens, Vice Chair; and Karen Nocella were absent.

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Coppo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes.

A. Consideration of Approval of the January 28, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Willow made the motion to approve January 28, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Coppo seconded the motion. Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 5-0-0.

2. New Business.

A. Consideration of Making a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to Specify Official Identification of the Unnamed Pigeon Creek Tributary Near Ellis Woods Park/Trailhead as “Hershey Run”.

Ms. Willow made the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to specify official identification of the unnamed Pigeon Creek Tributary in Ellis Woods Park near the trailhead to “Hershey Run” to be as informative as possible and clarify park map accuracy. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 5-0-0.

B. Discuss David Yeck Foundation Grant/”Hershey Run” Bridge Improvements.

The Committee discussed the need to manage the water runoff to stop the mud deposit on the bridge prior to rebuilding/building a new bridge. Mr. Hughes volunteered to put together a plan. Information regarding the David Yeck Foundation Grant in 2023 was not available at this time.

C. Discuss Picture Board Updating.

Ms. Willow shared with the Committee the current picture boards she maintains. She asked for members to send any pictures of 2024 events to her so she can update boards in time for the John Doyle Run.

3. Old Business.

- A. Discuss Approved Eagle Scout Project – Bridge Over Pigeon Creek on the Schoolhouse Trail; Logan Small, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 127.

Ms. Kapp informed the Committee that Ms. Nocella had contacted Ms. Small and was told that Logan is working on the project.

- B. Discuss/Receive Update Regarding Potential Raptor Nest Box Acquisition and Addition of Kestrel/Owl Nest Boxes to East Coventry Township Parks System.

Mr. Hughes explained that he did not receive any information from the Game Commission. Mr. Coppo reviewed the plans and felt that he would be able to build box and pole but would need assistance from Public Works to dig hole and fill with concrete.

- C. Discuss/Review Update Creekview/Ellis Woods Park Land Use.

Mr. Hughes informed the Committee that the Open Space Committee is reviewing this and working on a proposal for the Creekview/Ellis Woods Park land use to present to the Board of Supervisors.

- D. Discuss Committee's Understanding of Official Boundaries of Ellis Woods Park and East Coventry Nature Preserve.

The Committee discussed the official boundaries of Ellis Woods Park and East Coventry Nature Preserve. Mr. Hughes suggested reviewing maps of these areas for better clarification.

- E. Discuss Preservation of Ellis Woods Park Parcels.

Mr. Hughes informed the Committee that the Open Space Committee is reviewing this project at this time.

4. Committee Events

- A. Consideration of Making a Retroactive Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to Approve a Spring Keystone 10 million Trees Partnership Application for Free Trees to be Planted at the Nature Preserve on April 12, 2025 at 11:00 am.

Ms. Willow made the motion to retroactively approve Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee's Spring Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership Application for free trees to be planted at the Nature Preserve on April 12, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Coppo seconded the motion. Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 5-0-0.

Ms. Willow informed the Committee that Constellation contacted the Township regarding activities their employees could participate in. Ms. Willow suggested planting of the trees would be a good project to re assistance.

B. Discuss the Ellis Woods Bird Walk on Saturday, February 22 at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Hughes informed the Committee that they had a good turnout.

The question was asked about recognizing Ellis Woods Park as a Bird Town USA. Mr. Hughes mentioned that requirements have changed and that he would look into it.

C. Discuss John Doyle 5k/10k Run.

Ms. Kapp informed the Committee that sponsorship and registration is very low at this time but still a bit early. She will contact Mr. Kolb regarding ambulance and being master of ceremony; Mr. Rishel to inquire about current construction at Tow Path Park entrance, parking and electric at pavilion. The following was also discussed:

- a. Meet at the Township building on Thursday, April 03 at 6:00 p.m. to put packets together.
- b. Ms. Elliot/Coventry Self Storage volunteered to help with registration.
- c. Mr. Coppo, Ms. Willow and Mr. Stephens to assist Pretzel City.
- d. Ms. Coppo to assist with registration and provide baked goods and percolator.
- e. Ms. Willow to purchase the bananas.
- f. Ms. Kapp to purchase chocolate milk, snacks, 3 cases water, 4 – 1 gallon water, coffee cups & coffee. Gift cards for awards.
- g. Ms. Carney-Horney to measure/mark run and assist at 5K turn around.
- h. Ms. Bretz volunteered to photograph event.

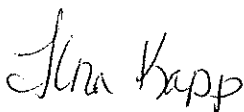
5. Public Comment

Mr. Hughes mentioned that he had reached out to Len Leister regarding the “Build a Birdbox” event three times and has not received a response to date so may have seek alternative plans or cancel event.

6. Adjournment.

Mr. Coppo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ms. Willow seconded the motion, Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Flora Kapp
Secretary