



**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 7:30 PM**

**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		Karen Nocella
X	Jason Stouch, Vice Chairmen	X	Frank Coppo
X	Liz Willow		

**Guests in attendance:** Connie Coppo, Eric Hughes

**Agenda Item: Review of January 2023 Minutes**

- Jason made motion to approve January 2023 minutes, Frank seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.

**Agenda Item: Public Comment**

- No public comment.

**Agenda Item: Committee Events**

- John Doyle 5K & 10K Run.
  - Flora talked to Ray; Port o Potty will be installed April 1<sup>st</sup> and he will set up Ambulance Service
  - As of 2/28 only two registrants.
  - As of 2/28 have receive \$3,100 in sponsorship, expecting \$1,000 to arrive shortly.
  - Signs and some flyers have been posted.
  - Discussed logistics of run: starting area, turnarounds for 5K & 10K runners, water table placements, Fire Police at the four road crossings.
  - Liz and Eric working on trifold for display (future plans for Towpath, pics of Committees completed projects).
  - No new ideas for awards so we will stick with gift cards. Will need 12 total (\$50/\$30/\$20) for top three men & women, respectively and for each race (5K & 10K). Will also hand out extra hats from last year that were donated.
  - Shared we need to spread the word to get more people signed up.
- Build a Birdbox – May 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Eric has been in contact with Ken and will reach out to Anthony.
  - Bruce requested to increase the number from 30 to 35.
  - Eric to request/confirm reservation of pavilion and board room for event.
  - Eric to let Flora know when/where to pick up birdhouse kits.
- Ideas for reusing Towpath swings.
  - Committee concluded there is not a good place on township property to put them now.
  - Ideas: 1) Have Tricia (PARCC) ask neighboring PARCC members if they could use them; 2) give to an HOA to use i.e. Whispering Woods or Coventry Chase, or 3) ask local churches.
  - Further discussion on topic at next meeting.

**Agenda Item: Miscellaneous**

- Eric has bird walk scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at Ellis Woods.
- Eric asked if there was a conservation agreement for Ellis Woods and what it entails.
- Liz attended PARCC meeting:
  - She shared with the Committee that the Wildcat Trail at East Coventry Elementary was recognized as a model by the PARCC and the idea of Townships working with schools to create parks is spreading to other communities. She thanked Frank for his idea. Liz mentioned the playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed when area is ready.
  - Liz shared there was discussion about the Pigeon Creek Bridge and said more extensive studies have to be done due to flood plain. She mentioned this could become very expensive and after studies are completed could cost up to \$700,000 to install although cheaper options are being explored.
    - Jason brought up that right now only studies are being done and thought these costs were covered by a grant. Last email he could find from Karen was one she forwarded from CMC on Jan. 9, 2023, said it would take an additional \$1,500 to bring total cost for study to \$5,000. There was mention of 80' span and use of fiberglass bridge that would cost approximately \$180,000.
    - Consensus from the committee is that the committee should review plans and costs before proceeding.
    - Jason brought up that the bridge does follow 2017 parks & rec plan to expand a connected trail system throughout the township.
- Liz brought up June 3<sup>rd</sup> trails day at Nature Preserve. She has an example treasure hunt. She mentioned hiring someone to run the treasure hunt and to give a presentation.

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



Date: 3/28/2023