

East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee July 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/28/2020
Time: 7:30PM

Meeting Called By: Bruce Stephens
Meeting Notes By: Flora Kapp

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

Guests in attendance: Nate Ackerman, Connie Coppo

Agenda Item: Review of June 2020 Minutes

- ❖ Karen motioned to approve June 22, 2020 minutes, Bruce seconded, all in favor; minutes approved.

Agenda Item: Community Service - Nate Ackerman

- ❖ Nate is applying to college and was inquiring if Township had any Community Service Projects he could be a part of. He is a chemistry major and member of OJR ROTC.
- ❖ Community decided on following projects:
 - Landscaping around School House:
 - Karen to check to see if money in budget for Boy Scout projects can be used and talk to Rick Trailles about plantings.
 - Frank offered to help with his expertise with plants and ROTC.
 - Painting - Karen to inquire possibility with Ray.
 - Trail maintenance.
 - Bruce suggested project regarding Revolutionary ties to Township.
 - Karen to talk to Ray and Dave for approval of Nate's help with School House and trail maintenance and get back to Nate and Frank.

Agenda Item: Review of Grand Reopening of Ellis Woods Park - 9/26

- ❖ Karen reviewed items that should be done for reopening:
 - Benches and trees (planted week of) at new opening.
 - Landscaping and benches around pickle ball courts.
 - Gaga Court (to be made of wood so can be moved when ground needs repair.)
 - Kiosk with interpretive trail map, 24" panel (map handouts available for reopening.)
 - Trail directional signage (all ordered, posts backordered.) Karen and Flora walked/measured all trails and information given to Jocelyn.
- ❖ Committee discussed whether or not to move forward with reopening on Saturday 9/26. All in favored to continue process except Bruce. Should the state change its rules regarding virus, and need to cancel event, will do so at that time.
 - Virtual tour was suggested, but at this time we do not have expertise to do so.
- ❖ Karen requested Eric's list of birds seen in Ellis Woods from Gary for Jocelyn.
- ❖ Activities for reopening:
 - Grant has been increased to \$1,000 for event and must be into Pottstown Health and Wellness by ??????. (Money can be used for masks, gloves, port a potty, yards signs (can do last minute), Raptor program.) Grant money must be used for this event, if cancel will have to return.
 - Bird loop - if Eric is available to talk about birds. Patty Worth/Audubon Bird Sanctuary is available for backup if needed. Per Gary, at this time Eric is available for part of the time.

- Raptor program (\$300 - two 1/2 slots: 1pm & 1:30)
 - Dedication of pickle ball courts to Anne Sage. Plaque (Jocelyn to create) for placement of one of the benches. Committee asked to send Karen wording (Anne's phrases) for plaque, so far we have "It's only a beginning".
 - Interpretive sign (Jocelyn to create) for Boy Scout projects over the years (Year, Name, Troop, Project.) Liz asked to research.
 - Hand out water and ice cream (self-contained/wrapped.)
 - Run for date has been canceled due. Flora to write letter to sponsors to see if they would like to sponsor reopening (signage, plaques, etc.) or money returned, money held for 2021 run.
- ❖ Karen explained the redesign of Ellis Woods is an 18 month project and not all will be done in time for reopening such as the wild flower meadows. Bids for meadows are currently being reviewed.
 - ❖ Gary would like opportunity to review plans for tree plantings (type of trees/root systems interference with courts.)

Agenda Item: Miscellaneous

- ❖ Karen explained skate board park planned for Heyser/Faulk Tracts which are being reviewed for baseball and soccer fields.
- ❖ Karen wrote three articles for September newsletter. If anyone else has anything must be into Sue by 7/31.
- ❖ Karen mentioned that the PARC committee wanted to thank Liz for her good work with interviews regarding people's experience on trails/COVID 19.
- ❖ Liz moved to adjourn meeting, Gary seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm.

Signed: _____

Flora Kapp

Date: _____

8/25/2020

Flora Kapp/Secretary