

**MINUTES FOR THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26, 2024**

The Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Present for the meeting were Jason Stouch, Chair; Frank Coppo, Vice Chair; Flora Kapp, Secretary; Karen Nocella; Bruce Stephens; Liz Willow; and Cathy Carney-Horner.

**Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mr. Stouch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the pledge was recited.

**1. Minutes.**

**A. Consideration of Approval of the February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the February 27, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Coppo seconded the motion. Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

**2. Committee Events.**

**A. Discuss the John Doyle Rock the Wall 5K/10K Walk/Run and 10K Run Event.**

Mrs. Kapp advised the Committee of improved participation, ordering of T-shirts, and confirmation of police and ambulance attendance.

**B. Discuss the Build a Birdbox Event.**

Eric Hughes – 9 Hershey Drive: Commented on the date, time and location of the event, setup time, items needed, and ordering of additional birdboxes.

**C. Discuss the Memorial Sunday Observation Event.**

Mrs. Willow advised that she has applied for the Fort Dix Army Band to perform at the event, the ROTC will perform the flag ceremony, and Ridge Fire Company will supply chairs.

**3. Public Comment.**

Joe Bendyke – 116 Woods Lane: Commented that he would be willing to make benches from fallen trees in exchange for some of the wood.

**4. Additional Items.**

**A. Discuss Submitting the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership Program Application for Free Trees.**

Mrs. Willow advised that she is working on the application for fall trees, as the spring deadline had passed.

**B. Discuss Creating an Environmental Action Subcommittee.**

Mrs. Willow suggested that this item be tabled and the Committee focus more on conservation.

**C. Consideration of Recommending Improvements to the Ellis Woods Revolutionary Cemetery Using a \$10,000 Donation from the William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation.**

Mrs. Willow commented that the donation would be used for a historical marker, landscaping, improving the stone pad/stage, path and providing handicapped accessible parking. The two oak trees will be trimmed.

Mr. Stouch made a motion to accept the \$10,000 donation from the William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation. Mrs. Willow seconded the motion. Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.


**D. Consideration of Partnering with the Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Program to Allow its Members to Volunteer at Township Events/Activities.**

Mr. Stouch made a motion to partner with the Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Program, provided Township Solicitor approval. Mrs. Carney-Horner seconded the motion. Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

**5. Adjournment.**

Mr. Stouch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mrs. Willow seconded the motion. Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Flora Kapp,  
Secretary