

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

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

Call to Order.

Mr. Coppo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Minutes.

A. Consideration of Approval of the February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

It was noted that the draft Minutes of the February 25, 2025 did not contain the full information of the resident who spoke during Public Comment. Ms. Carney-Horner made the motion to approve the February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with the inclusion of the resident's full name and address. Ms. Willow seconded the motion. Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 5-0-0.

2. New Business

None.

3. Old Business

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

Ms. Nocella informed the Committee that there are no updates at this time.

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

Mr. Coppo informed the Committee that there were no updates at this time.

C. Discuss/Receive Update Creekview/Ellis Woods Park Land Use.

Mr. Coppo informed the Committee that there are no updates at this time.

D. Discuss Official Boundaries of Ellis Woods Park and East Coventry Nature Preserve.

Mr. Coppo informed the Committee that there are no updates at this time.

E. Discuss Preservation of Ellis Woods Park Parcels.

Mr. Coppo informed the Committee that there are no updates at this time.

F. Discuss/Receive Update Regarding David Yeck Foundation Grant for "Hershey Run" Bridge Improvements.

Ms. Nocella informed the Committee that Patricia McCloskey from Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee has not received any information regarding the David Yeck Foundation grant at this time. Ms. Nocella also explained that Mr. Coppo would have to obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors to apply for a grant. The Pottstown Health and Wellness grant would be the next grant we could apply for. Applications for this grant would be in September. She pointed out that this grant would be a wise choice for bridge improvements and mitigation of the erosion problem.

G. Consideration of Informal Identification of Unnamed Pigeon Creek Tributary Near Ellis Woods Park Trailhead as "Hershey Run".

Mr. Coppo informed the Committee that according to the East Coventry/Chester Conty maps the tributary is named Pigeon Creek and that it cannot be formally renamed but the Township we can name it for our own purposes. Ms. Willow made a motion to informally identify the unnamed Pigeon Creek Tributary near Ellis Woods Park Trailhead as "Hershey Run" for purposes of East Coventry's Park system. Ms. Carney-Horner seconded the motion. Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 5-0-0.

4. Committee Events

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

Ms. Kapp updated the Committee regarding sponsorship and participants to date; Mr. Kolb would take care of the ambulance and agreed to be master of ceremony; and Mrs. King and Ms. Small have offered to help. Committee members' responsibilities were reviewed and all agreed to meet on the evening of Thursday April 03 to put together packets and tie up any loose ends.

5. Public Comment

Ms. Coppo requested an update on improvements to Tow Path Park and if a new sign for the park were included, as she felt a new more visible sign like the one at Ellis Woods Park would be good. She also asked if grant money would be required for a sign. Ms. Nocella informed the Committee of the improvement schedule and that a sign would require grant money. She mentioned the Schuylkill Highland Mini Grant as they awarded the monies to the Township for the stone pillar signs and do not require matching funds. Due to the park's

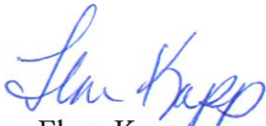
location along Route 724, the Committee thought a sign of the size and construction (two stone pillars) like the Ellis Woods Park sign would be ideal.

Peter Kovacic – Schoolhouse Road: Asked the Committee if we knew the purpose of red flags on his neighbor's property and if the Build a Birdhouse event is on the calendar. It was explained that property was being considered for possible conservation and plans for the Build a Birdhouse event are still in discussion at this time.

6. Adjournment.

Mr. Coppo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Ms. Nocella seconded the motion, Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Flora Kapp
Secretary