



**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Called By:** Bruce Stephens at 7:05pm

**Meeting Notes By:** Flora Kapp

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

**Guests in attendance:** Connie Coppo, Eric Hughes, Amy Csencits, Mike Miller

**1. Minutes.**

A. Jason made motion to approve, Cathy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor; February 28, 2023 minutes approved.

**2. Public Comment.**

A. Mike Miller and Amy Csencits attended the meeting and shared their interest in pickleball and concerns over rules and regulations and controlling usage of courts due to the rise of public interest. They made suggestions for organizing play time referencing Reading Park and will bring more information at the April meeting.

**3. Committee Events.**

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

- 1) Flora shared there are about 65 runners to date.
- 2) Flora to make signs for 5K & 10K turnarounds,
- 3) Bruce to bring two tables; Cathy one table and plastic containers; and Flora Park & Rec table and snacks/water.
- 4) Jason will order chocolate milk from Kolbs Dairy the week before and get gift cards.
- 5) Liz and Eric to work on information board and information on Birdhouse and June Trail Days event at Nature Preserve; Karen to supply them with drawings of Tow Path. Karen shared that first phase of Tow Path implementation is parking lot, signage, solar lights, security and small hiking trail.
- 6) Flora to talk to Ray regarding parking.
- 7) Flora to confirm conference room use on April 14<sup>th</sup> and asked everyone to be there at 6 pm to organize runner packets and last-minute details.
- 8) All plan to attend and were asked to be at Tow Path at 7:30am on 4/15 to set up. Ray's grandson will help at registration as part of his Honor student community service requirement. Flora to email all reminder.

**B. Possible Eagle Scout Projects.**

- 1) Committee reviewed the following project ideas and decided to present them to the Eagle Scout and let him determine what he would like to do. Flora to ask Jill for the email/Eagle Scouts name.
  - a. Ellis Woods bridge; Karen explained that facilities had fixed boards on bridge and it did not need reconstruction at this time.
  - b. Foot bridge on School House trail is needed, but would have to be constructed off trail and brought in on foot/by hand due to property owner issues.

- c. Wild Cat Trail, Scouts could build benches along the trail.
- d. Revolutionary War Cemetery fence painting.
- e. Build Journaling benches for Ellis Woods.
- f. Flora had mentioned another Honor Student had reached out to Township for projects to fulfill community service requirement but has not responded to call/email. She had talked to Anthony about possibly help with checking birdboxes.

**C. Growing Greener Ordinance.**

- 1) Committee reviewed the ordinance. Eric shared that it was a plan for future growth of the Township. It is not aimed at stopping development but making better plans for development and use of open space within and around these areas.
- 2) Karen shared that the Planning Commission has been reviewing and working hard on this along with Rick Trailes/Natural Lands 18 months and that various Townships around East Coventry have already adopted the plan. Cathy motioned to approve Going Greener, Frank 2<sup>nd</sup>, all Committee members were in favor of adopting the plan.

**D. Removal of Tennis Court on Nature Preserve.**

- 1) Committee reviewed and listened to input from Mike Miller regarding of what he thought it would cost to refurbished the court citing the need for more pickleball courts. Committee decided that E park is a nature preserve suited for passive activities whereas recreational activities would be bettered suited for Ellis Woods or possibly the old East Coventry School grounds.
- 2) Liz motioned to remove; Flora 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor to proceed with the removal of the tennis court on the Nature Preserve.

**3. Additional Items.**

- a. Flora to send David Suttons email to reach out to him regarding Ellis Woods.
- b. Jason said trees planted along creek were looking good the last time he checked.
- c. Eric shared that 19 people had signed up for the Build a Bird House event. He will close registration April 11<sup>th</sup>. He confirmed reservation of conference room.
- d. Liz is planning to mark invasive pear trees (i.e. Bradford or Calvary) for removal at a later time by facilities. She asked for help if anyone is available.

Jason motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm; Cathy 2<sup>nd</sup>; meeting adjourned.

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


Date: 4/25/2023