

**MINUTES FOR THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 23, 2023**

The Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Present for the meeting were Jason Stouch, Vice Chair; Flora Kapp, Secretary; Karen Nocella; Cathy Carney-Horner; Liz Willow; and Frank Coppo. Bruce Stephens, Chair, was not in attendance.

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stouch called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and the pledge was recited.

1. Minutes.

A. Approval of Minutes of the May 23, 2023 Monthly Meeting.

Mrs. Willow made a motion to approve the May 23, 2023 meeting minutes. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0.

2. Public Comment.

Eric Hughs, Open Space Committee Member, informed the Committee that he held a bird walk on Sunday at Ellis Woods Park. He mentioned that 18 people joined him for the walk and several had never been at the park and were impressed. They all had a good time.

3. Committee Events.

A. Review the Build a Birdhouse Event.

1. Thirty-two people signed up, only 24 came to the event.
2. Event was well received. Building the boxes went well, but next year plan to shorten presentation and eliminate lunch and have snacks instead.
3. Three boxes were donated; Mr. Hughs will take order plaques and advise Committee of cost.
4. Mr. Hughs informed the Committee the total costs to date were: \$700 for birdhouse kits, \$100 donation to Ken Leister, presenter, and \$224 for food.

B. Discuss the June 03 National Trail Days.

1. Mrs. Nocella informed the Committee that she enlisted the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee for its help with creating a flyer and Nature Trail Bingo game. She and Mrs. Kapp posted them at trail heads and several other locations.
2. Mrs. Willow volunteered to present a butterfly exhibit.

3. Mrs. Kapp volunteered to get snacks.

4. Additional Items.

A. Consideration of Pickle Ball Court Use Rules Including Proposed Signage and Paddle Racks.

1. Mr. Stouch informed the Committee that he talked to Mr. Briggs, Township Manager, regarding the rules, signage, paddle racks and Mr. Briggs would need an itemized list and costs. Mr. Briggs would also like it to be brought up by the BOS.
2. Committee discussed and thought it would be around \$300 for the paddle racks but asked Mr. Stouch to reach out to Amy Csencits and Mike Miller and ask them to provide further details and itemized costs. Mrs. Nocella would like Jocelyn to provide signs to keep in alignment with Township theme.

B. Consideration of Going Greener Ordinance. (Added at the Meeting)

1. Mrs. Kapp motioned to add discussion of Going Greener Ordinance to the agenda, Mrs. Nocella seconded, Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0.
2. Mrs. Willow motioned for the Committee to recommend adoption of the Going Greener Ordinance, Mrs. Nocella seconded, Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0.

C. Update on Birdbox on Private Property. (Added at the Meeting)

1. Mrs. Nocella motioned to add birdbox issue to the agenda, Mrs. Kapp seconded, Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0. Mrs. Nocella informed the Committee of the complaint regarding birdbox on private property located at corner of Kulp and Macck Roads. Birdbox was removed and relocated across the street along trail.

D. Update on Thank You Letter for Run Sponsors. (Added at the Meeting)

1. Mrs. Kapp motioned to review and approve mailing of the thank you letter to run sponsors written by Mrs. Carney-Horner. Mr. Coppo seconded, Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0 to review and proceed with mailing the letter.

E. Township Updates. (Added at the Meeting)

1. Mrs. Nocella motioned to briefly review with the Committee Township updates, Mrs. Carney-Horner seconded, Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0.
2. Mrs. Nocella informed the Committee of grants obtained for the Nesspor and Halman easements to date and that Township will be applying for further grants.
3. Mrs. Nocella informed the Committee that there was a meeting to discuss the bridge over Pigeon Creek to connect to the trail in Ellis Woods Park. Due to the floodplain

and costs it was decided to use a stepping stone method and that Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee will research obtaining grant money for the project.

4. Mrs. Nocella informed the Committee of a meeting hosted by Chester County on May 31st where she and Rick Trailes, Natural Lands, will be sharing what has been accomplished at East Coventry with other townships. She will email the invitation to Committee members.

5. Adjournment.

Mrs. Carney-Horner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Mr. Coppo seconded the motion. Mr. Stouch called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Flora Kapp
Secretary