

East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee May 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/24/2022
Time: 7:35 PM

Meeting Called By: Jason Stouch
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; Kim Kulp

Agenda Item: Review of April 2022 Minutes

- ❖ Karen made motion to approve April 2022, Cathy seconded, all in favor; minutes approved.

Agenda Item: Birdhouse Event, May 14th - Results

- ❖ Eric informed committee overall it was a big success. He had sent a copy of email he received from attendee thanking him for a wonderful event. Karen will share with the supervisors at next meeting.
- ❖ Eric asked that pictures of event be sent to him and he will forward for newsletter, website, and Coventry News.
- ❖ Committee okay with installing two birdhouses at Ellis Woods Park. Flora had talked to Dave about Anthony's idea for a webcam for one of boxes so can have live feed for residents. He was onboard with idea. Eric to talk to Anthony about setup.
- ❖ Karen to ask Dave if webcam can come out of budget.

Agenda Item: Miscellaneous

- ❖ Kim Kulp addressed the Committee regarding the Go 100 Renewable Energy 2050 that she brought up at last BOS meeting. She explained the purpose and that it is just a guideline for the Township to follow.
 - Karen shared that the Township has already done some of the recommendations such as LED lights in parking lots, wildflower meadows.
 - Karen to reach out to Sustainable Coordinator, Rachel Griffith in Chester County.
 - At last BOS meeting, supervisors wanted more time to review.
 - Kim shared that on June 5th Katie Muth, Congresswomen, will be at Unitarian Church to field questions regarding the 100 Resolution.
- ❖ Karen announced that the property near California Closets has been sold but the builder will be requesting a variance to change from commercial to commercial/residential.
- ❖ Plastic bags can be recycled but have to be separated from regular trash. Frank was asked to write an article about recycling for Township newsletter.
- ❖ Karen asked if Committee was in favor of establishing an Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC). She shared with Committee that Bryan Maher from West Pikeland EAC member talked at last BOS meeting regarding what his Township does. They advocate, advise environmental research for various projects, etc.
 - Committee expressed interest to have an EAC and she will share our interest with BOS along with getting information from other townships. An ordinance will need to be passed for an EAC to be formed, by-laws, etc.
- ❖ Grants available from Natural Lands, Growing Greener PA, and \$500,000 available from PA rescue plan.

- ❖ Schoolhouse – Frank suggested planting annuals for now which he could supply. Flora to talk to Mr. Miller about planting and removing white tape from other area he is overseeing.
- ❖ Riparian buffer
 - Jason asked if tape could be removed as not needed now and if Ray could mow grass on field side to differentiate the area from meadow. He is weed whacking area every other week around plantings.
 - Eric took pictures runoff issues of these fields which goes right into Pigeon Creek.
- ❖ Maack Farm – property is in agricultural easement and must be used for agriculture purposes.
- ❖ Memorial Service – Liz shared her plans with Committee regarding the service to be held on Sunday, May 30th at 2pm.
- ❖ Pollinator Garden – designated area is ready for planting and Anthony is waiting for plants which are to arrive around June 4th.

- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Signed: Flora Kapp

Date: 6/28/2022