

## East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee May 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/25/2021  
Time: 7:45PM

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		Gary Hughes
	Liz Willow	X	Frank Coppo

**Guests in attendance:** Connie Coppo

### Agenda Item: Review of April 2021 Minutes

- ❖ Karen made motion to approve April 2021 minutes, Cathy seconded, all in favor; minutes approved.

### Agenda Item: Stone Wall - Pricing/Start Date

- ❖ Karen shared with the Committee that John Grablewski called and informed her that he could do 50-60 feet of the wall for \$15,000. She asked if the Committee wanted to move forward. It was decided to first:
  - Karen to talk to Tricia (M Lane's replacment) to see if there are any grants available.
  - Karen to talk to Gail Brown, Historical Commission, to see what they think.
  - Karen to review with Ray for his input on clearing of trees, etc. behind the wall.

### Agenda Item: Recommendation to Facilities - New Hire/Education Care of Native/Invasive

- ❖ Jason shared with the Committee that he, along with Karen and Flora walked the Ellis Woods trails to review and discuss what is needed to maintain the trails. The ideas discussed were:
  - Have one team member of the Facilities department certified, further education ( meadow management, native/invasives, pesticides, etc.) so they could oversee proper maintenance of parks. Monetary incentive for obtaining certification. Other idea would be to create department within Facilities that would be responsible for native/invasives.
  - These ideas would need to be suggested and approved by BOS. Frank volunteered to create presentation/proposal for BOS at June meeting.
  - Karen to reach out to North Coventry and West Vincent to see how it is handled within their townships and Ray for his input.
  - Frank and Liz (Certified Naturalizer) offered their services for short term help/advice.

### Agenda Item: Tree Planting

- ❖ Karen explained to Committee that she still had not heard anything about the grant for planting of trees along Pigeon Creek riparian area in Ellis Woods.
- ❖ Karen and Flora met Jeannie Ortiz on the day she was handing out the trees for East Coventry residents with streams running through their properties. Jeanne had 24 residents respond (which she thought was a good turnout for the first time effort) all through media (Township website and various Facebook accounts).
- ❖ Jeannie informed Karen and Flora the William Penn Grant doesn't expire until December and that the Township would be eligible for 50 trees. Members of the Committee requested, if possible, type/species, and size of available trees. Jeannie explained that Kelley, the horticulturist who spoke to Committee, would be able to tell us what we needed and where to plant.
- ❖ Karen to set up meeting for end of August to contact Jeannie and make arrangements.

**Agenda Item: Miscellaneous**

- ❖ Karen informed Committee that there was \$3,000 left in the Ellis Woods grant. Ray will use this for the purchase of materials for benches and picnic table for this area. \$12-\$13,000 left in the Dibuno grant. Ray asked Karen to see if this can be pushed back as they need to complete other projects at this time.
- ❖ Jason mentioned that Pretzel City asked for a 2022 date be set for Rock the Wall Run as their calendar is filling and they have a smaller crew. Committee decided on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 9am. Jason to inform Pretzel City and Karen to inform BOS.

Jason adjourned meeting at 8:45pm.

Signed:  Date: 6/22/2021