

East Coventry Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/25/09 **Meeting Called By:** Karen Nocella

Time: 7:30 pm **Meeting Notes By:** Cathy Carney-Horner

Attended	Name	Attended	Name
X	Cathy Carney-Horner	X	Joe Pennypacker
	Melissa Ciacci	X	Anne R. Sage
	John Doyle	X	Bruce Stevens
	Flora Kapp		Carol Tucci
	Mike Laporta		
	Connie Megay		
X	Karen Nocella		

Guests in attendance: Walt Woessner, Rose Miller

- Karen opened the meeting at 7:30.

Agenda Item: Review minutes from July 25 meeting

Motion: Motion made by Bruce Stevens to accepted minutes from meeting of July 27, 2009, seconded by Cathy Carney-Horner, motion carried, no nays.

Agenda Item: Review Community Day

- Handouts for Community Day 2009 were provided by Karen.
 - Handout #1 was a "layout of the land". It will be utilized for Community Day 2010.
 - Handout #2 listed contacts and activities
 - Handout #3 listed Businesses in East Coventry. We will utilize the list to solicit sponsors for 2010.
- The lists were reviewed.
 - Giovanni's paid for postcards last year, which was a huge help.
 - Postage for 2400 postcards was approximately \$700.
 - Do the individuals that "help" get paid? Last year Lexi and Michelle were given \$25 gift cards that were donated by the bank as a thank you.
 - Anne Sage suggested looking at the group Making Music, a group that specializes in entertaining children and young people. Anne will bring get details on group.
 - Bob Scott provided Make your own T-shirts.
 - Mango Men \$1500 (a spot to possibly contain costs)
 - Bounce Rides – the township paid for 1 out of the 2 rides
 - Boy Scouts will do anything we ask.
 - 4H had ice cream donated by Kolbs.

- Hot dogs were supplied by Frank Spear. 244 were sold we made \$66.69
- NorChester Baseball did beverages and pizza.
- Tent was the most expensive.
- Breakdown of expenses:

Tent	\$1800
Band	\$1500
Bounce ride	\$225
Stamps	\$ 700
Clown	\$ 250
Tote Bags	\$ 200
- Ideas for 2010
 - Narrow tents along walkway to scavenger hunt.
 - Parking needs to be addressed (the current lot holds 100 cars)
 - Good opportunity for Township to have Supervisors there to “go shake hands”
 - Dunking Tank
 - Open House introducing Community Day.
 - Rec Dept addressing Community Day in township newsletter?
 - East Vincent Day – We should consider what East Vincent did – They paid \$200/band for three groups and had a high school band. Boy Scouts sold the hotdogs and “did it all”.
- Start working on Community Day 2010 in January.

Agenda Item: Recommendations for playground equipment at Towpath Park

- Karen talked to Bernie and Bonnie about Towpath Park usage. The park is used for everything from Kids birthday parties to weddings.
- Playground equipment should be there for daily usage.

Motion: Motion made by Bruce to “Replace in Kind”, Cathy seconded the motion, all in favor, no nays. Request will be put in for quote to include the replacement of equipment.

Agenda Item: Recommendations, letters to the BOS

- Strvenski Tract - Bruce to bring computer to October meeting so we can “Goggle Earth” and get a better idea of the 56 acre layout.
- BOS – Sept 14. Letter must be in packets to BOS
- Letter for Parkerford – there is a potential \$10,000 from PECO. \$8,000 to split between East Vincent and East Coventry. We are in need of \$4,000
- Bruce to draft letter, it will go to Karen, Committee to review by email and agree via email, Karen to print and get into packets. Bruce to get letter to Karen by August 28. Karen to township by Sept 9.

Agenda Item: Open Space Referendum

- Handout – Opportunity Knocks, Open space is a community investment – members to review handout.

- Mack tract money was borrowed. Half came from a grant. Percentage to be fronted and request community to have matching funds.
- East Coventry has no referendum. We need to be prepared and plan.
- Parks and Recs Committee needs to research plan and make recommendations to BOS.
- Joe raised the argument of property vs. income tax.
- Hyser Tract - 30 acres zoned for play, athletics.
- Mack Tract – currently have 60 acres – trying to get additional 30 acres to make a total of 90 acres. Open rec area – fishing/hiking/biking
- NEXT STEPS: members to read for next meeting.
- Gather information from Christine McNeil, Board of Supervisors, East Vincent

Agenda Item: Old Business

- Hyser Tract – we should progress. Add to agenda for September meeting.

Agenda Item: Other

PLANNING COMMISSION

- Ellis Woods and Old Schuylkill Road - Application was pulled out, but came back with new application. Planning Commission will need to renegotiate.
- Planning Commission working on changing subdivision ordinance. Words should be in for review process that makes sense.
- A member of Parks and Rec should be at Planning Commission meetings so we can be more efficient.
- Currently: Subdivision ordinance has certain percent in open space. How are we as a committee going to utilize the open space?
- Parks and Rec needs to come up with a recommendation on the process and how it will be communicated from the Planning Commission to Parks and Rec Committee.
- Plan 1992 was never adopted. We want to use it, but since we don't have a plan, we can't have a fee in lieu of.

Important dates: Planning Commission Sept 2 @ 7:00

Parks and Rec next meeting: Tuesday, Sept 22 @ 7:30

Bruce made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Cathy, all agreed, no nays. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Signed _____

Date: _____