

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

**Date:** 9/22/09

**Meeting Called By:** Karen Nocella

**Time:** 7:30

**Meeting Notes By:** Flora Kapp

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

**Guests in attendance:** Walt Woessner, Planning Commission

### Agenda Item: Review Minutes from August Meeting

- Reviewed meeting minutes, motion by Cathy Carney-Horner to approve, seconded by Flora Kapp, motion carried.

### Agenda Item: Letters for Community Day

- Ideas from John Doyle:
  - cook off/chili, wings?
  - Race for open space – run
    - Separate from park day – October?
    - John Doyle volunteered to look into/organize – talk to Don Morrison/Chester County Running Store
- Kathy to prepare letter to BOS requesting money for Parks & Recs budget.
- Request separate open space account be created for money collected through Parks & Recs activities
  - Checks payable to open space fund – donations from park day

### Agenda Item: Federation of Northern Chester County

- Karen summarized last meeting she attended on 9/17/09. Northern Federation consultants are planning to send out a survey to residents in the collective townships to see how they view open space and see what the needs are (recreational/sports, etc.) The responses of E. Coventry Township residents will be available to committee when completed.
- Flora reviewed 9/8 meeting she attended on behalf of Karen held at the Warwick Township Building.
  - Consultants reviewed mission of the federation and what they have learned to date about the communities. Information gathering meeting - broke into discussion groups: parks and recreational destinations, recreation activities and opportunities, conservation and connections. Participants were asked to share issues of concern/community needs regarding the topic. Group was brought together and each moderator summarized group discussion.
  - Meeting was recorded for a podcast for website at later date.
  - [www.northernfederation.com](http://www.northernfederation.com)

**Agenda Item: Schuylkill River Trail Update**

- Letter and information regarding project to BOS prior to 9/14 BOS meeting
- Was on the agenda for 9/14 BOS meeting attended by Karen
- BOS explained they did not have enough information to make a decision at this time and would need to know ultimately how much the project would cost & cost to township
- Karen to talk to Chris McNeil/East Vincent Township
- Karen to give copy of information given to BOS to Mike for review

**Agenda Item: Master Site Plan for the Heyser Tract**

- Draft letter to revisit/update what exists
- Property will need to be resurveyed
- In plan for Northern Federation
- Committee decided to put project on back burner for now

**Agenda Item: Open Space Referendum**

- Committee decided to discuss at later date

**Agenda Item: Miscellaneous**

- Status of Trail Plan - Nothing has happened
  - Master plan – still trying to complete, cannot go forward until plan is complete. Stalled because E. Coventry is included in the Northern Federation plan per BOS
  - Karen gave brief summary of our trail plan
- Township ordinance – Developers are required to incorporate open space into new developments
  - Need to inquire of township solicitor as to status of fee in Lieu
  - Carol - prepare letter to BOS noting 1992 Comprehensive Plan adopted/fee in lieu of
  - Need to inquire about setting up account for open space/fees in lieu of
- Bike Rodeo – work with Police department to get this going again – plan for May
- Research ways to reach our mission to township residents (i.e. school PTAs, kids events, etc.) – Joe to research
- Walt reviewed Village @ Ellis Woods (use to be Whispering Wood) retirement/assisted living development
  - Open space – committee recommended leaving trail in same place as previously advised; trail to follow 20' wide sewer easement
  - Kathy motioned to enter into minutes; Flora seconded motion, all in favor, no nays.
- Walt reviewed Sanatoga Road development (Bittersweet) – zoning hearing 10/6, new plans for site, open space 20%. Schuylkill River Trail runs through here along railroad bed. Committee suggested open space/trail should run along river – highest point - to connect to Schuylkill River Trail.

Kathy motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Flora. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Flora Kapp/Secretary