

East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/22/09

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		John Doyle
	Carol Tucci	X	Karen Nocella
X	Cathy Carney-Horner		Melissa Ciacci
	Cathy Wright		Mike Laporta
X	Connie Megay		
X	Flora Kapp		

Guests in attendance:

Agenda Item: Review Minutes from November Meeting

- Minutes reviewed. Motion by Flora to approve as is, seconded by Kathy, all in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item: What should our goals be for 2020?

- Goals raised from November meeting were not discussed as it was felt we should inquire as to the BOS expectations for the Park & Rec committee before we move forward.
- Karen read letter she drafted to present to BOS asking them for their input regarding goals for the Park & Rec committee and letting them know that as a committee we want to partner with them to obtain these goals to improve the recreational needs for our community. Committee members in attendance approved letter.
- Karen to have letter ready to present to BOS in January.
- Connie raised the idea for basketball hoops for park areas. Joe/Connie raised the point that there is a need for recreational activities/areas for teenage children.
- Bond referendum for open space tax dollar allocation.
 - Kathy to draft letter requesting referendum for review by committee at Jan meeting. Goal is to present to BOS in February.
 - Need to determine % to ask for and plan to promote to residents.

Agenda Item: What should be on our "shopping list" for all the money we will accumulate in our open space account?

- BOS approved \$4000 Park & Rec budget for 2010.
- Karen to discuss with Bernie about establishing an account for the monies collected through various Park & Rec activities and inquire on status of letter that was presented to BOS regarding this request.

Agenda Item: Old/Miscellaneous

- Discussed status of Parker Ford park project.
 - Karen presented plan again to BOS at the 12/14 meeting.

- BOS approved and granted our request for \$4,500 provided E. Vincent gets the approval to move forward.
- E. Vincent Park & Rec is scheduled to vote on continuance of project.
- This project needs to move forward quickly as PECO grant is due in by 1/15.
- Discussed saldo
 - Karen has asked Carol Tucci to review.
 - Karen to put on January agenda and ask Walt to attend to review with committee.
 - Questions raised:
 - 3. A.; only says "may"
 - 3. K.; "trails and their easements offered for conveyance for fee simple" ?
 - Means owner can offer trail without township paying for it
 - 3.H.; should there be reference be made to materials that can be used for trails
 - 4. A.; historic features "a list" – what/where is this list of historical sites in township, has it been updated, should Parks & Rec committee have access to this list for review
 - 4.C.; Historic feature is should not be moved – add wording: or altered
- Maack property update – will not know till March if we receive Chester County grant.
- Towpath Park – Karen to check on the status of recommendation we made to replace playground equipment.
- Park Day – January meeting - must begin planning activities.
- Karen spoke with Jay Erb/N Coventry, regarding working with us to complete the trail that runs along Cedarville Road that would connect N and E Coventry townships.
- Connie brought to our attention that easements for walking paths/etc. were established in new developments which raised the question, how can we find out about easements already in place and can we access them – trail plan.
- Karen brought to our attention the township's 1992 Open Space, Recreation, Environment Resource Plan, which she has been reading and mentioned that a lot of our goals were already established in this plan, but unfortunately the township has not followed through. If you have a copy, please read, if not, let Karen know.

Karen adjourned meeting at 9:00 pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Flora Kapp/Secretary