

**MINUTES FOR THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2024**

The Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Present for the meeting were Frank Coppo, Chair; Flora Kapp, Secretary; Liz Willow, Karen Nocella, Kathy Carney-Horner and Eric Hughes. Bruce Stephens was absent.

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Coppo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the pledge was recited.

1. Minutes.

A. Consideration of Approval of the September 24, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Nocella made a motion to approve the September 24, 2024 meeting. Ms. Carney-Horner seconded the motion. Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0.

2. New Business

A. Discussion of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee Activities Calendar for 2025.

The Committee members discussed various events for 2025. Dates for educational programs are still to be determined.

January

February – Bird Walk

March

April – John Doyle Rock the Wall 5K Run/Walk 10K Run

May – Build a Birdhouse / Memorial Day Ceremony

June – National Trails Day / PRCC Trail Inspection

July

August

September – Status Report to BOS

October – Fall Festival

November – Bird Walk

December – Decorate Schoolhouse / Wreaths Across America

3. Old Business

A. Discuss Potential Support for Approved Eagle Scout Project – Bridge Over Pigeon Creek on the Schoolhouse Trail; Logan Small, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 127.

Ms. Nocella informed the Committee that she had not heard from Logan Small, Sr. Patrol Leader Scout Troop 127, Kenilworth, regarding the status of the project at this time.

B. Discuss Purple Martin House Acquisition and Installation Details.

Ms. Kapp informed the committee that the information was given to the Township Manager and that she requested to be notified when the Township received the birdhouse. Mr. Hughes volunteered to contact Mr. Hill regarding location for new birdhouse.

C. Discuss Potential Raptor Nest Box Acquisition and Addition of Kestrel/Owl Nest Boxes to East Coventry Township Parks System.

Mr. Hughes informed the Committee that he has a Kestrel/Screech Owl box and would be willing to donate to Township. He volunteered to research information on best placement and ways of installation.

D. Discuss Potential 2025 Education Program Offerings.

Ms. Willows informed the Committee that she plans to reach out to Chester County regarding information on waterways. Mr. Hughes will reach out to Mr. Hill regarding a program on the Purple Martins.

E. Discuss Maintenance of Ellis Woods Park Riparian Buffer.

Mr. Coppo informed the Committee that he reviewed the area and due to weather conditions, he thought it would be best work on the area in the spring.

F. Discuss Ellis Woods Park Land Use.

Committee discussed options for the Ellis Woods Park Land Use.

4. Committee Events

A. Consideration of Making a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to hold the 2025 John Doyle Rock the Wall 5k Run /Walk and 10k Run on Saturday, April 5th.

Ms. Carney-Horner made the motion to make the Recommendation for the 2025 John Doyle Rock the Wall 5k Run / Walk and 10k Run on Saturday, April 5th, Ms. Nocella seconded. Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0.

B. Consideration of the 10 Million Trees Partnership November 2024 Tree Planting Details.

Ms. Willow explained that due to the weather we will only be receiving about seven trees and that the planting event has been canceled. She plans to pick up them up on October 25. Committee decided would be best for her to keep trees over the winter and make plans to plant in the spring. Ms. Nocella made the motion for Ms. Willows to winter the trees and for the Committee to determine planting date later. Ms. Carney-Horner seconded. Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0.

C. Consideration of Making a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for the Historic Schoolhouse Decorations.

Committee discussed the event and decided on Sunday, December 1st at noon to decorate the Schoolhouse for Christmas. Ms. Nocella made the motion to decorate the Schoolhouse on Sunday, December 1st, Ms. Carney-Horner seconded. Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0.

D. Discuss Wreaths Across America Event.

Ms. Willow informed the Committee that the event to be held at the Ellis Woods Cemetery on December 14th at noon was already approved by the BOS.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Adjournment.

Ms. Willow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8 PM. Ms. Carney-Horner seconded the motion, Mr. Coppo called for a vote and the motion passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Flora Kapp
Secretary