

East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee October 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/25/2022
Time: 7:30 PM

Meeting Called By: Jason Stouch
Meeting Notes By: Flora Kapp

Attended	Name	Attended	Name
	Bruce Stephens, Chairmen	X	Flora Kapp, Secretary
X	Cathy Carney-Horner	X	Karen Nocella
X	Jason Stouch, Vice Chairmen	X	Frank Coppo
X	Liz Willow		

Guests in attendance: Connie Coppo, Eric Hughs

Agenda Item: Review of September 2022 Minutes

- ❖ Karen made motion to approve September 2022 minutes, Jason 2nd, all in favor, minutes approved.

Agenda Item: Review of Fall Festival/Fricks Lock on October 22nd

- ❖ Karen explained all went well:
 - Weather was great and about 104 people attended from various places (Lower Pottsgrove, Perkiomenville, East Coventry) and bikers/walkers off the Schuylkill River Trail.
 - The Historical Committee was very pleased with the event and turnout.
 - Jordon from Constellation (PECO) donated \$100 Dunkin Donuts gift card which supplied coffee and donuts for the event. They also donated mums and corn stalks for decoration and a \$50 Wawa gift card for winner of trivia questions.
 - Liz received free pumpkins which she donated for the pumpkin decorating and decorations.
 - Kieth, banjo player was very well received as was the ice cream truck from Kolb's Dairy and Connie's baked goods.
- ❖ Karen expressed thank you to all Committee members that helped with the event including Ray who attended and his team for the work they do to maintain the area.

Agenda Item: Riparian Buffer

- ❖ Committee Members had planted and staked the bushes/plants from Audubon Society and felt more wire/stakes were needed to wrap more to prevent browsing from the deer.
- ❖ Jason to look into fencing. Cathy and Flora to check their resources.

Agenda Item: 2023 Spring Run

- ❖ Committee agreed to continue to work with Pretzel City. Chose three dates in 2023: 3/25, 4/8, and 4/15. Jason will check with Pretzel City.
- ❖ Karen suggested changing route to the Schuylkill River Trail, starting at Tow Path Park. Eric to discuss with Jay Erb to see what is required to use trail. Karen to discuss with Ray. Karen will also bring up in the next PARC meeting.
- ❖ Run Sponsors:
 - Jason to check to see if he has list provided by Sue Kutch last year. Flora to check too.
 - Karen mentioned the businesses in the industrial complex next to Fricks Lock and will inquire as to contact names.
- ❖ If Schuylkill River Trail is used will need to walk to measure distance for 3k and 5k (Flora/Jason).

Agenda Item: Miscellaneous

- ❖ Eric asked if there was any interest in doing something else with the Ellis Woods farming tracts. A better conservation plan is needed to reduce the current runoff issue. Suggestions: the fields if not farmed could be wildflower meadows or left to go natural; manage farming areas by planting specific crops that would bring in specialty birds and mowing current meadow along Pigeon Creek once a year instead of twice. He mentioned there are not many options for municipal owned parks regarding grants.
- ❖ Liz recommended taking the small area below the fence line out of farming and turn into natural area to help with runoff issue.
- ❖ Eric also asked if Frank could help him with the interpretive signs for the Wildcat Trail around East Coventry School. Due to the water basins and wetlands are this property he would like to make them educational as well as environmental to explain the value these areas bring/offer.
- ❖ Karen explained that Wildcat Trail signage should be in this week and she will need to purchase the posts for installation. She also mentioned that Jocelyn is reprinting the bird map with the Merlin OCR/app for Ellis Woods.
- ❖ Cathy motioned to adjourn meeting, Karen 2nd, meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Signed: _____

Shirley Kapp

Date: _____

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