

East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee September 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/28/2021
Time: 7:34 PM

Meeting Called By: Bruce Stephens
Meeting Notes By: Flora Kapp

Attended	Name	Attended	Name
X	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; Gary Hughes; Ron Christy, Joan Hodges, and Jackie Erisson/Artisan Construction Group

Agenda Item: Review of August 2021 Minutes

- ❖ Karen made motion to approve August 2021 minutes, Jason seconded, all in favor; minutes approved.

Agenda Item: Artisan Construction Group – Coventry Chase Townhomes

- ❖ Ron Christy, Joan Hodges, and Jackie Erisson from the Artisan Construction Group (the "Group") were at meeting to discuss/review their plans for the Coventry Chase Townhomes to be built on the Painter Tract along Ellis Woods Road Road.
 - Plan calls for 112 townhomes in the \$400k price range (HOA community for first time buyers and empty nesters), 22.5 acres of open space (12.5 active and 10 dedicated to storm water runoff (natural and water retention basins)). Their plans include paved trail, dog park, recreation areas, fire pit, 84 public parking spaces, paved sidewalk along Ellis Woods, and tree/shrub plantings. All units will have 2 car garage with 3 parking spaces on pad. No playground area will be provided.
 - Committee asked about connection to East Coventry Elementary so children would have bike/walking access to school. The Group explained they would need easement from OJR to bring equipment in to trail.
 - Bruce asked if there was any other area for public trail access. The Group explained that they reached out to Coventry Glenn but property for access not dedicated to Township. He also suggested that trail be ADA compliant.

Agenda Item: Tree Planting Results

- ❖ Committee met with Catherine and Al Renzi, Jeanne Ortiz (Landscape Conservation), Township residents: David Chew, Sue Hughs and Eric Hughs, and Steve Willows at Ellis Woods to plant trees on 9/26. All native trees/shrubs planted, staked and installed tree protectors in meadow along Pigeon Creek.
- ❖ Jason and Frank to manage grass. Karen to let Ray know regarding watering and keeping an eye on area.

Agenda Item: Fall Festival – October - Plans

- ❖ BOS approved date set for Saturday, October 30, 12-3pm, rain or shine. To be announced in fall newsletter, Township sign, Friends of East Coventry and Karen's Facebook pages. Karen to ask Tricia McCloskey a /PARRC if it was put on her website.
- ❖ Dawn White confirmed her native birds/animal presentation.
- ❖ Committee decided to provide drinks/snacks like last year.
- ❖ Liz said it would be too late in season to do butterfly exhibit.

- ❖ Bruce asked Gary about possible pickle ball demo.
- ❖ Flora to call Anthony/bluebird nesting box about doing presentation.
- ❖ Karen to ask Jeanne Oritz for ideas and check to see if Justin, the bee keeper she met would be interested in doing a presentation.
- ❖ Bruce to do hike pointing out various trees.

Agenda Item: Miscellaneous

- ❖ Karen provided an update on the stone wall project and told the Committee that she had spoken with John Grablewski (Chester County Craft Works) and he is to get in touch with Jill (Township accountant) to get information to write a proposal to be presented to BOS. Ray has cleared area out and hope to start on wall in November.
- ❖ April 2, 2022 date has been confirmed for spring run.
- ❖ Karen provided update on David Sutton to inform Committee that meeting is being set up for October 8th with him to discuss work he is volunteering to do.
- ❖ Committee wanted to thank David Chew for volunteering his time and machinery with the tree planting. Committee to forward note and baked goods (Connie volunteered to bake).
- ❖ Liz told the Committee that her son rode bike to Frick's Lock and was impressed with the improvements that have been done.
- ❖ Karen informed Committee that plans for a traffic light at Petermen Road has been approved.
- ❖ Karen informed Committee that she is waiting on shared lease agreement being written by OJR for the East Coventry School trail project. Tricia McCloskey needs this to apply for grant.

Liz motion to adjourn meeting, Cathy seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Signed:  Date: 10/26/2021