

Franklin Township Pro Meeting

December 6, 2023

This is a brief summary of the Park, Recreation and Open Space meeting on Wednesday December 6, 2023 by zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Chairman Roberts. In attendance were Mary Hanley, Kyle Bianco, Paul Overton, and Heather Doss. BOS member Dawn Dowling attended. Jeff Eastburn, Jennifer Albany, and Bob Macknis were absent. Board liaison Donna Dea did not attend. There were no members of the public,

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Chairman Roberts, 2nd by board member Overton to approve the November 1, 2023 minutes. Approved 4-0

Public comment none

Special Presentation

Rachael Griffith from Chester County Planning Commission, Open Space Conservation

Ms Griffith gave a brief history about conservation and the commissions goals for the future.

She said as of 2021, 33% of Franklin township land is open space preserved

She spoke on tools the township can used to help preserve open space, and the partners that can help us.

She also explained the difference between an agriculture or conservation easement.

Old Business

You Are Here Map

Chairman Roberts shared the map and we discussed the changes that need to be made.

She also shared the joint maps for Crossan/Franklin Preserve and we decided on a map and changes that need to be made to that also. Map 4 was the map decided on.

Liam Kelly

Liam is the boy scout that is working on his Eagle Scout and marking the trails in Franklin Preserve.

Chairman Roberts shared his project with the PRO board and comments were made.

kiosk- need to have 3 at each entrance, must have space to hang hunters tags, need diagram

change wording to Franklin preserve

make sure the markers can be duplicated for Crossan

color code Crossan and Franklin Preserve so they match and have enough colors.

It was recommended that Liam make his presentation to the PRO board next meeting.

Oak Trees

No follow up

2024 Goals

Banffshire raised bed

Need to know where it will be, need a plan. Will revisit next meeting

Playground equipment

Board member Overton will review pricing and look into the grants available. Will revisit next meeting

New Business

Big Elk Creek State Park

There will be a town hall meeting Jan. 10 at 7, at Avon Grove Charter and by zoom.

Trail Spinners

Board member Overton asked for a 400.00 donation for trail spinners for the use of the trail machine. Will be presented to BOS

Force of Nature

A volunteer opportunity for Natural Lands. Applications available on their website.

Keen Trail

The trail is an easement on a 10 acre piece of property. The trail was made from the old road bed of Church Farm road. The new owner had the property surveyed and found that the trail has migrated to her property and it needs to be realigned. The township has reached out to a property owner to remove the debris that they dumped in the easement so the trail can be fixed.

Adjourned 9:09