

Franklin Township Pro Meeting

October 4, 2023

This is a brief summary of the Park, Recreation and Open Space meeting on Wednesday October 4, 2023 by zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman Roberts. In attendance were Jeff Eastburn, Jennifer Albany, Kyle Bianco, Paul Overton, Mary Hanley, Heather Doss and Bob Macknis. Board liaison Donna Dea also attended. There were no members of the public,

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Chairman Roberts, 2nd by board member Albany to approve the September 6, 2023 minutes. Approved 6-0

Public comment none

Old Business

You Are Here Map

2 maps were shown, the original map with You are here on it and a map with information highlighting what the park offers.

It was discussed that the highlighted map should be posted at the concession stand and the You Are Here map at the 3 crossroads.

The maps need to be updated to include Franklin Preserve and add the meadow.

We are looking into the history of Crossan to be added to the highlighted map.

Path between soccer field and lower lot at Pavillon (realignment)

Will revisit after it is walked in the winter to realign.

Oak Trees

Chairman Roberts contacted Tim Masters about the trees. He plans on coming and taking a look at the trees and possibly test the trees

Board member Overton contacted Octorara Nursery, they feel it is Leaf Skeletonizer caterpillars per Penn State Extension and PA Dept of Agriculture. They feel it is a wait and see until next year.

Trail Machine

The machine is needed to regrade the trail to make it safe for hikers.

The BOS would like the PRO board to present to them our thoughts on the trails. Board member Overton will present to them how the trails need to have continually maintenance on them for the safety of the public using them.

White Clay Crescent Preserve

There was a complaint about someone marking trees at this preserve.

It was determined that it was a hiking group that hike our parks and preserves. The hikers mark the trees for their safety so they can find their way back. They remove them when they return from their hike.

This was not Matt and Paul looking at or marking trails.

Stones

Betsy will be putting the stones down in November with 4 volunteers. FSA will be the backup if there is a problem and they can't get it done.

New Business

Goals for 2024

It was discussion as to what the PRO board would like to achieve in 2024.

Ideas suggested

- trail maintenance

- path (realignment) Crossan by soccer field to pavilion

- trail signs

Open Space

Two residents contacted the PRO board about preserving their properties.

We will revisit

Grants

2 grants are available PECO and Watershed.

It was discussed that possibly the PECO could be used for the realignment/ paving of the path at Crossan

Chester County Conservation

It was suggested that they join us at our next meeting and they make a presentation to educate us on land preservation and the Chester County trail program. It was suggest that the BOS should be invited also.

BOS Meeting

Board member Overton will represent the PRO board at the next meeting

Additional topics

Mason Dixon Line

Board member Overton mentioned that they are restarting the committee working on the history and trail connection of the Mason Dixon trail system.

FSA

Plan on finishing the painting on the tot lot Oct. 15 at 9am if anyone would like to help.

Bluebird trail sign

The sign for the bluebird trail was shown. Needs to be fixed We will revisit

Memorial Trees

It is thought that the trees may be okay. Will need to wait to the spring to see if they survived.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42