

Franklin Township Pro Meeting

November 1, 2023

This is a brief summary of the Park, Recreation and Open Space meeting on Wednesday November 1, 2023 by zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Roberts. In attendance were Jeff Eastburn, Jennifer Albany, Kyle Bianco, Paul Overton, and Heather Doss. Mary Hanley and Bob Macknis were absent. 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 October 4, 2023 minutes. Approved 5-0

Public comment none

Old Business

You Are Here Map

Still looking for history of the park. Jeff has a file at the township office that board member Bianco and Hanley will go over and look at it.

Path lower field to pavilion

Waiting for winter to arrive

Oak Trees

Chairman Roberts received a quote for 3,000.00 to spray the trees in the spring. The company was in agreement with Penn State on the disease. Penn State said to wait and see if the bugs return in the spring, then treat.

Chairman Roberts is asking whether we can wait to see if the bugs come back and then treat, or do you just treat when spring arrives.

Trail Machine Banffshire

Board member Overton has found a trail machine from Wilmington Trail Club and will be using it this weekend in the preserve to regrade some of the trails

Board member Overton took the BOS out to the preserve and showed them what maintenance needed to be done on the trails to make them safer and they agreed it needed to be done. He also showed them a slope that needed to be fixed and is waiting for BOS approval.

White Clay Crescent

It was presented to the board who marked the trees and they meet with this person. It was decided that if April was bringing a group to any of our parks or preserves, she needs to let the township office know when and where she will be.

Open Space Conservation

Will be presenting at our next meeting

Stones

Almost complete, more stones are needed and have been delivered. There is also a section of trees in Franklin Preserve that might need stones. Board member Overton said it probably is not needed as the trees are older, and the cost to mow would be costly so it could be done.

Goals for 24

Trail maintenance

Trail signs

Path at Crossan

Playground equipment

New Business

Memorial tree

Someone contacted a board member about putting a tree in. The program is done for the fall and will be back in the spring. New pricing will need to be determined. Chairman Roberts will check with Stacy in the office

Big Elk Creek State Park

There is a meeting Nov 6 about what will be done at the park. All are welcome to attend

Round 36 Preservation Grant

We will revisit as to whether it can be used with for trails or playground equipment. Due Feb. 29

Additional Topics

Banffshire signs posted

FSA installed poles, chain and a sign closing the trail. It was suggested that the sign should state why its closed "The trail is closed to the public for safety reason, hunting by FSA members"

Bathrooms Crossan

Jeff received a quote of approximately \$10,000 to add heat to the bathrooms, so they could be kept open in the winter. Because of the cost, it was suggested to request a porta potty be installed instead, and will be brought up at the BOS meeting.

Public Comment- none

Meeting adjourned at 7:48