

Franklin Township Pro Meeting

January 3, 2024

This is a brief summary of the Park, Recreation and Open Space meeting on Wednesday January 3, 2024 by zoom.

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Public comment none

Special Presentation

Liam Kelley

Liam is working on his Eagle Scout project and is proposing to add signage to Franklin Preserve.

Items discussed

Kiosk- because of the scope of the project only 1 will be made, but he will supply plans so others can be added. It was recommended that it be 4x4 to hold a 24x24 map, plus a map for the hunters, a place for them to hang their tags and a space for special notices. It must also have plexiglass over the front that can be easily removed to change notices etc.

Trail comments- blue trail is fine. Rather than color coding other trails, use wording

exit to lower lot

exit to middle lot

exit to upper lot

red horseshoe loop- just name it

green horseshoe loop- call it PECO loop

Yellow- trail to white clay creek trail

Other comments

Make sure budget is ready to go, have all material to the BOS before the meeting for their review.

Old Business

U R Here Map

Board member Hanley updated the joint map for Crossan and Franklin Preserve

Comments

Color code trails in bold lines

Heavier lines for trails and streams

add bridge

switch insert and legend

Oak Trees Goodwin

No update

Donation Trail spinners

The BOS can not give donations but in the future they would be willing to consider payment of a rental fee with an agreement before usage of the equipment.

2024 Initiatives

Trail Maintenance

We discussed what needed to be approved by BOS and what does not needs to be approved

BOS liaison Dea commented that MAINTAIN means to continue to maintain what is already there and there would be no approval needed. BUT all maintenance needs to be COMMUNICATED to the BOS at their meeting.

Requires BOS approval

- Funding for a project

- Adding a trail

- Moving a trail

NO BOS approval needed

- regrading, maintaining trail surface

- removing debris

- trail mowing

Path to lower lot

Board member Overton will mark the trail and then walk the realigned trail with the BOS for their approval

Banffshire raised bed

Board member Macknis will set a time and date for the PRO board to meet to see the location

Upgrade Playground

Will revisit

Big Elk meeting

The meeting is Jan 10 at 7 at Avon Grove Charter and by zoom. There is limited space and parking.

Additional topics

Open space inventory

All information seems to be correct no additions for 2023

Signage

Signage needs to be added to preserved farmland per contract. This will be added to our 2024 list.

Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned 9:11