

This is a brief summary of the Park, Recreation and Open Space meeting on Wednesday August 4, 2021 by zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman Greg Sachs. In attendance were, Paul Overton, Jennifer Albany Kyle Bianco, Jeff Eastburn, Jim German and Elijah Piotrowski .There were two members of the public attending by zoom.

There was no public comment

On Motion by Chairman Sachs, seconded by Board member Albany, the Board approved the minutes from the meeting July 7, 2021 passed 6-0

There was a presentation made by Andy Johnson

Mr Johnson is proposing to hold a short track mountain bike race at Crossan's Park and Franklin Preserve. The event will be limiting the attendance to 100 bikers and the event will be 6 hours tentative date of November 13, 2021. The event is open to all ages divided into categories. A donation will be made to Franklin Township for use by parks, recreation and open space.

Mr Johnson will do a write-up with pictures by August 11 so it can be presented to the BOS,

Board member Overton made a motion to allow Andy Johnson and Matt Thompson to hold a bike race in the fall which will be presented to the BOS, seconded by Board member Albany passed 6-0

Old business

Healing Garden

Chairman Sachs gave an update

FSA did volunteer work, removing shrubs and ripping out timbers. They will follow up with cutting and replacing new timbers and weeding. A machine will be needed to remove the roots and stumps and dig up the stones.

Chairman Sachs has spoken to Greg from Redtail and planting is scheduled for Sept. 15.
Board member German will coordinated with Bob from FSA to get the work done by end of August.

Board member Albany will contact Signature Landscaping about replacing stone and mulching within our budget after confirmation is made from Redtail as to needs and timing.

We received the donation from the Nancy D Davidson memorial.
They are working on the plaque

Signage

Chairman Sachs checked on pricing. 1000.00 to start, 14x14 850.00-2,000.00
Will hold off until spring

Board member Albany will check on signage for the Meadow. Will check with Yosignguy. The hope is to get all the signage to match, meadow and healing garden.

Memorial Trees

Board member Eastburn checked with 4 nurseries. He received responses from 2. Trees range between 100.00-500.00
Will revisit

Tennis Courts

Done except for fences, hopefully Friday or Monday

Sealcoating

Temporary lot is mowed, signs are complete.

Hemlock

Suggested a warning be put on facebook as it is in the parks and preserves

Steve Cottrell will treat in the winter, suggested to mow twice next year.

Chairman Sachs will meet at Crossan's on Monday at 3:00 to discuss hemlock and tree of Heaven invasion with Steve

Bridge Franklin Preserve
No progress

Auburn
Letter of intent, step in the right direction

New Business

Franklin Township First responder Appreciation Day

Board member Eastburn spoke on appreciation day. It would include the State police, Swat team, K nine unit, Fire Company, EMS and others.

They would show off equipment, give demonstration etc.

Food trucks might be available

Date May 14, raindate May 21

Chairman Sachs motioned that appreciation day be presented to the BOS seconded by Board member Overton passed 6-0

Movie Night

Board member Eastburn applied for a PECO grant and received 2000.00 for movie night which would be Oct. 1

The grant would cover the event, popcorn, water ice, the screen and rights to the movie.

Belly dancing

Jenny Wood would like to offer a donation based belly dancing class at Crossan's.

She will need to do a write-up, with proof of insurance by Aug 11 so it can be presented to BOS

Chairman Sachs motioned that Jenny Woods be recommended to the BOS for a donation based class seconded by Board member Albany passed 6-0

Eagle Scout

A eagle scout from West Grove Troop 10 asked what he could do for the township

Ideas

- Fence around healing garden
- Bridge at Appleton Road, {between post office and farm}
- Crossan's pergola over the girl scout picnic table
- Label trees at Crossan's
- Plant saplings along white clay creek

The Eagle Scout working on the bike trail bridge will present his proposal to the PRO board Sept. 1

Additional topics

PECO grant

There is a peco grant available for 10,000. For green region.
IT IS DUE 10/31

IDEAS

- Improve parking
- Healing garden
- Meadow plantings
- More Trees for shade

Archiving info

Board member Eastburn still working on it.

Comprehensive plan

Board member Overton spoke that they are working on the future trail map and the updated map was presented and recommend you watch the UTube video of their last meeting

Public Comment

A community member LOVES our healing garden and meadow ideas and is willing to help if volunteers are needed.

Meeting adjourned 9:22