

# East Bradford Township Trails Committee (Subcommittee of the Parks & Recreation Board) Regular Meeting Minutes October 24, 2013

The October regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Trails Committee (TC) (subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Board) was held on October 24, 2013 in the McCardle Meeting Room of the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, County of Chester, PA 19380-1822.

**Committee members present:**

John Spangler, Chair  
Harry Hatzipavlidis, Vice Chair  
Dave Baxter  
Michael Colley  
Sheila Fleming  
Bob Hawkes  
Maria Kenny  
Betsey Mehl  
Josie Parman  
Andy Schaum  
Jim Wakefield

**Committee members absent:**

Mose Cornwell  
John Hagens  
Fred Rothman  
Jacob Singer

**Staff/Professionals present:**

Mandie Cantlin, Trails Committee Liaison and Assistant Township Manager

**Staff/Professionals absent:** None

**Others in attendance:**

Dave Redmond  
S. Damon Kletzien

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Chair Spangler.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** Ms. Parman made a motion to approve the minutes from September 26, 2013, as amended. Mr. Colley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Brandywine Trail; Ingram's Segment – John Spangler, Township Engineer Mark Lucas, and Ms. Cantlin met with McCormick Taylor in September. The firm submitted a scope for a feasibility study to consider three route options. The feasibility analysis would consider the following factors: Rt. 162 crossing, stream crossing, environmental impacts, property impacts and acquisition, constructionability, public participation, partnership and cost-benefit opportunities, funding, schedule, and cost estimates. The proposed cost for the feasibility study is \$19,500. Currently, \$14,000 is proposed for the 2014 capital budget (which is still in discussion). The trail easement agreement for Parke Farm that Mr. Spangler drafted has not been shared with the HOA. Ms. Cantlin will share it with the Supervisors in November. Ms. Parman mentioned that she spoke to the Scholls. They are generally supportive of the yellow concept, but recommended against the trail going over their driveway on the north side of Copes Lane. Mr. Schaum asked whether it would be economically preferable to have McCormick Taylor focus on one route (yellow). This approach was discussed at the meeting. However, everyone concluded that the Township needs comprehensive information to make an informed decision. Additionally, other agencies (PennDOT, DEP) may require alternatives analyses. The Committee recommended to the Supervisors that the

Township proceed with McCormick's proposal. They agreed that this project is a priority, especially given its relation to the Brandywine Greenway effort.

2. Paradise Farm Camp (PFC) Trails – Mr. Schaum is planning to schedule a work day to finish the clearing work. Next steps include finalizing permitted uses, creating an entrance/trail head, finishing the regulatory documents, and deciding on hunting season hours. Mr. Schaum hopes to clear the entrance area sometime in mid-November.
3. Paradise Valley Nature Area Ravine Road Trail – Ms. Cantlin intends to visit the site to investigate possible reroutes on Friday November 8. Ms. Cantlin will coordinate a time/date with Mr. Schaum and notify the TC and P&R Board.
4. 2014 Trail Blazer Race – Race committee members convened after the TC meeting to discuss the 2014 race.
5. Timber Top Farm – The dog ban went into effect on October 15. To date, the change has been rather uneventful.
6. Brandywine Trail; Skelp Level Segment – Construction is essentially complete. The Township is hopeful that it will be able to close out the project this calendar year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2014 Calendars – The Township is selling 2014 calendars displaying work by Barbie Johnson. The calendars are \$15 (\$12 for 15 or more) and proceeds support the art scholarship program. To date, the Township has awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to East Bradford high school seniors who plan to study art in college.
2. November and December Meeting Dates – The November and December meetings are scheduled on the third Thursdays – November 21, 2013 and December 19, 2013.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

1. Member's Trail Inspections – No updates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting of the Trails Committee is November 21, 2013 (third Thursdays) at 12 noon.

**ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE:** At approximately 12:45 pm, the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Amanda "Mandie" Cantlin  
Trails Committee Secretary

**TRAILS COMMITTEE INSPECTION ASSIGNMENTS:**

	Date Last Inspected
Dave Baxter – Harmony Hill Nature Area; red and yellow trails	September 2013
Mandie Cantlin – (Floating)	July 2013 (Starr, HHNA Blue/Black)
Michael Colley – Paradise Valley Nature Area & Starr Farm Park	September 2013
Mose Cornwell – (Floating)	
Sheila Fleming – Harmony Hill Nature Area; green trail	July 2013
John Hagens – Timber Top Farm & Brandywine Trail	July 2013
Harry Hatzipavlidis – Jane Reed & Copeland / East Bradford Park trail	July 2013
Bob Hawkes – Paradise Valley Nature Area	July 2013
Maria Kenny – Harmony Hill Nature Area; green trail	
Betsey Mehl – (Floating)	July 2013 (Timber Top)
Josie Parman – (Floating)	
Fred Rothman – Shaw’s Bridge & Blue Rock Trail	September 2013
Andy Schaum – Paradise Valley Nature Area & Brandywine Trail	September 2013
Jacob Singer – Timber Top Farm	July 2013
John Spangler – Harmony Hill Nature Area; blue and black	July 2013
Jim Wakefield – TBD	

**TRAILS COMMITTEE PRIORITIES (2014):**

1. Brandywine Trail – Phase 3 (South Segment to Skelp Level) (should be completed in 2013)
2. PFC-CCWA trails & easement (should be completed in 2013)
3. Widen the entrance to Harmony Hill Nature Area (at Skelp Level)
4. Provide a port-a-potty at the Brandywine Trail (Harmony Hill Rd); encourage W. Bradford to do the same
5. Brandywine Trail – Phase 5 (Ingram’s Mill to Stroud; Rte. 162 crossing; Taylor Run crossing)
6. Paradise Valley Nature Area (trail improvements, washout, & Valley Creek fish habitat improvement)
7. Mt. Bradford Improvements (meadow restoration, parking area, paved trail, pond inspection)

Other projects that are not prioritized include:

- Bike/ped improvements along Sconnelltown Road (Mt. Bradford to Sconnelltown Park)
- Brookworth Trails (and connection to WCB)
- Brandywine Farm
- Brandywine Trail – Phase 4 (Skelp Level to Ingram’s Mill)
- Improve / repave trail between Copeland and East Bradford Park
- Fire Company trail
- Construct off-road path to improve bike use at Allerton Road / Creek Road / Miner St intersection
- Plum Run Watershed
- Guthrie trail easement
- Ravine to Brandywine Road
- Sunset Hollow Road
- Sunset Hollow / Happy Creek / Harmony Hill