

# **East Bradford Township Trails Committee (Subcommittee of the Parks & Recreation Board) Regular Meeting Minutes November 21, 2013**

The November regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Trails Committee (TC) (subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Board) was held on November 21, 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  
Sheila Fleming  
Betsey Mehl  
Josie Parman  
Jacob Singer  
Jim Wakefield

**Committee members absent:**

Dave Baxter  
Michael Colley  
Mose Cornwell  
John Hagens  
Bob Hawkes  
Maria Kenny  
Fred Rothman  
Andy Schaum

**Staff/Professionals present:**

Mandie Cantlin, Trails Committee Liaison and Assistant Township Manager

**Staff/Professionals absent:** None

**Others in attendance:**

Marianne Bausinger, P&R Board Chair  
Dave Redmond

**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 October 24, 2013, as amended. Mr. Singer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Brandywine Trail; Ingram's Segment – The Supervisors authorized the work outlined in McCormick Taylor's proposal. Work will commence in 2014. Ms. Cantlin will reach out to NLT and Mr. Spangler to Parke Farm to make sure these entities are included in the planning process. Ms. Parman and others emphasized the desire to keep discussion open to multiple uses.
2. Brandywine Trail; Skelp Level Segment – The only remaining item is the signage. Once the signage is installed, the trail work can be inspected. The Commission talked about etiquette signage – on this trail as well as others. The Committee is supportive of posting standard etiquette/yield signage at trail entrance points.
3. Paradise Farm Camp (PFC) Trails – As indicated during last month's meeting, 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 this month.

4. Paradise Valley Nature Area Ravine Road Trail – The November 8 site visit was canceled; a site visit will likely be scheduled in the beginning of the New Year. Ms. Bausinger asked whether the camp would be willing to share in the costs associated with a bridge and Ms. Cantlin said that Andy Schaum has indicated the camp would share the cost.
5. Harmony Hill Nature Area – Township Engineer Mark Lucas, Public Works Foreman John Carroll, and Ms. Cantlin along with several volunteers reviewed the yellow trail erosion issue. The Public Works Department will be working with volunteers this winter to install several diverters and re-grade some of the erosion gullies. Ms. Cantlin will email the Committee with the work date/time.
6. 2014 Trail Blazer Race – Race committee members convened after the TC meeting to discuss the 2014 race.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. SD #626 Comerford Final Plan – The applicant, Patrick Comerford, is proposing to subdivide the 68-acre property located at 900 Copeland School Road into three large conservation lots. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that a public trail easement be provided that would enable the future connection between Sunset Hollow Road and Connor Road.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

1. Member's Trail Inspections – Mr. Redmond said that the historic Brandywine Trail corridor was cleared.
2. 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting of the Trails Committee is December 19, 2013 (third Thursday) at 12 noon.

**ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE:** At approximately 12:55 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