

East Bradford Township Trails Committee (Subcommittee of the Parks & Recreation Board) Regular Meeting Minutes September 25, 2014

The September regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Trails Committee (TC) (subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board) was held on September 25, 2014 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
Mose Cornwell
Bob Hawkes
Betsey Mehl
Josie Parman
Jim Wakefield

Committee members absent:

Michael Colley
Sheila Fleming
John Hagens
Maria Kenny
Fred Rothman
Andy Schaum
Jacob Singer

Staff/Professionals present:

Mandie Cantlin, Trails Committee Liaison and Assistant Township Manager
Mark Lucas, P.E., Township Engineer

Staff/Professionals absent: None

Others in attendance:

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 August 28, 2014 as presented. Mr. Cornwell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Brandywine Trail –
 - a. Rule/regulation signage – During the meeting last month, The P&R Board reported that they had discussed creating distinct paved trail rules/regulations during their meeting on August 27. P&R agreed that East Bradford and West Bradford Township regulations should be consistent. The P&R Board feels that roller blades should be permitted. Ms. Cantlin provided East and West Bradford Township regulations to the Committee for consideration. Mr. Spangler and Mr. Wakefield will work to develop proposed regulations. They suggested engaging several people from P&R and from West Bradford Township to assist in the effort. Mr. Spangler will reach out to P&R; Ms. Cantlin will contact West Bradford Township. There is no target completion date for this project.
 - b. Winter maintenance – The Committee agreed that the paved trail should not be plowed this winter.
2. Brookworth Trail – The Committee agreed to review the flagged route this winter and discuss the value of a community work day to construct a connection between Brookmeade and the shopping center.

3. Harmony Hill Nature Area – Scott Olmsted hosted a work day this past weekend. Another work day is scheduled for October 12. Ms. Cantlin will schedule a day in the fall to blaze.
4. Nature Walks – Mr. Hawkes, the Spanglers, and others will meet to discuss nature walk opportunities.
5. 2015 Trail Blazer Run – The race planning group will talk after the Trails Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. Brandywine Creek Greenway – The Draft Strategic Action Plan for the Brandywine Creek Greenway is available for review on the Township Website (<http://www.eastbradford.org/specialinterest/BrandywineGreenway/BrandywineGreenway.asp>). The Conservancy is asking for comments – particularly on Part 2 – by September 30.
2. Member’s Trail Inspections – No discussion.
3. Mt. Bradford Preserve – The TC talked about the meadow project and reviewed the master plan for possible trail development opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Trails Committee is October 23, 2014 at 12 noon.

ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE: At approximately 12:50 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) | May 2014 (Starr, HHNA) |
| Michael Colley – Paradise Valley Nature Area & Starr Farm Park | August 2014 |
| 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 | March 2014 – WORK NEEDED |
| 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 | April 2014 |
| Andy Schaum – Paradise Valley Nature Area & Brandywine Trail | March 2014 – WORK NEEDED |
| Jacob Singer – Timber Top Farm | March 2014 – WORK NEEDED |
| 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)~~
2. PFC-CCWA trails & easement
- ~~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 feasibility
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