

East Bradford Township Trails Committee (Subcommittee of the Parks & Recreation Board) Regular Meeting Minutes October 15, 2015

The October regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Trails Committee (TC) (subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board) was held on October 15, 2015 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
Bob Hawkes
Betsey Mehl
Andy Schaum
Jacob Singer
Jim Wakefield

Committee members absent:

Tony Blanco
Michael Colley
Joseph Hamel
Maria Kenny
Josie Parman
Fred Rothman

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:

Marianne Bausinger, Parks & Recreation Board Chair
Dave Redmond

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Mr. Schaum made a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2015, as presented. Mr. Spangler seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Brandywine Trail –
 - a. Rules / regulations – A sub-group consisting of Mr. Spangler, Mr. Wakefield, and West Bradford staff, was developed with the purpose of crafting regulations to govern the use of the paved trail.
 - b. Rt 322 Bridge Realignment – PennDOT appears to be resistant to further consideration of a Rt. 322 underpass to further the Brandywine Trail southward. In November, PennDOT representatives, County officials, and legislators will meet to discuss the value of the underpass trail crossing.
2. Paradise Farm Camps Trails –
 - a. Chapel Trail – The Township is in receipt of a repair proposal from PennTrails to remedy the washout area of the Chapel Trail. The proposal considers two main options – retaining wall/cribbing and the installation of a bridge/catwalk. The proposal ultimately recommends the bridge. Based on the estimates

in the proposal, the Township estimates that the project will cost \$28,000. Mr. Schaum shared that this trail is the most intensely used by the Camp when they host school groups. There are several funding considerations. Mr. Schaum will be discussing cost sharing with the Camp Board of Directors later in the month. The Township also is planning to seek funding from PECO/Green Region. Ms. Bausinger inquired whether the Township would proceed with the project if the Camp does not contribute funding. Ms. Cantlin responded that while she does not know what the Supervisors would decide to do, there is funding in the 2015 budget and there are funds earmarked for the project in 2016. Mr. Spangler made a motion to recommend that the Township proceed with the repair project. Mr. Singer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Cantlin will present the proposal to the Supervisors in November.

- b. XL Global Day of Giving – Employees from XL will be working with CCWA and the Township on October 21 to continue work on the Chapel Trail.
- 3. Naturalist Guided Walks – Building on the first walk that took place this spring, members of the Trails Committee have organized a fall walk on Sunday November 8 at 2 pm. Tim Lutz, Ph.D., professor in the Dept. of Geology and Astronomy at West Chester University, will lead the walk at the Harmony Hill Nature Area. Ms. Cantlin distributed copies of the flyer. There was discussion about the logistics and costs of the event. Ms. Bausinger suggested that the marketing materials could better communicate the purpose. Ms. Cantlin suggested that the group work to identify a location, date, and time for the spring hike.
- 4. 2015 Trail Blazer Run – The race group will meet after this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- 1. Brandywine Creek Greenway and Plum Run Green Corridor – Ms. Fleming shared that she will be submitting a William Penn grant this week. The grant asks for funding for staff time and consultants for the next two years.
- 2. Chester Valley Trail Extension – The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for October 22.
- 3. Comprehensive Plan – The Township hosted a Community Open House on September 29. Task Force members assisted in directing attendees, answering questions, and assisting in voting. Two presentations were given providing an overview of the Comprehensive Plan process in East Bradford Township, a summary of the presentation boards, and feedback requested of the attendees. Over the three hour period, 46 residents attended and provided input.
- 4. Chester County Art Association Trail – Last month, Mr. Wakefield asked whether there had been any progress on the CCAA trail. Ms. Cantlin reported that the CCAA is planning to amend the approved land development plan and approach the renovation in phases. The trail will be revisited during this process.
- 5. Meadow management – Last month, Mr. Wakefield asked about regulations that would impact the development of a meadow in a community (e.g. Windon is interested in developing a meadow on about 4 acres). Ms. Cantlin shared some ordinances provisions with him.
- 6. Tigue Conditional Use – The Committee discussed the conditional use plan and agreed to look at the plan in detail next month.
- 7. Member's Trail Inspections –
 - a. Blue Rock Trail (Fred Rothman) – _____
 - b. Brandywine Trail (Andy Schaum) – The Township will be working to address drainage issues in 2016.
 - c. Copeland / East Bradford Park Trail (Harry Hatzipavlidis) – _____
 - d. Harmony Hill Nature Area; red and yellow trails (John Spangler; Tony Blanco) – _____
 - e. Harmony Hill Nature Area; green trail (Sheila Fleming; Maria Kenny; John Spangler; Tony Blanco) – _____
 - f. Harmony Hill Nature Area; blue and black (John Spangler; Tony Blanco) – _____
 - g. Historic Brandywine Trail – _____

- h. Jane Reed Park (Harry Hatzipavrides) – _____.
- i. Paradise Valley Nature Area (Michael Colley; Bob Hawkes; Andy Schaum) – _____.
- j. Shaw's Bridge (Fred Rothman) – _____.
- k. Starr Farm Park (Michael Colley) – _____.
- l. Timber Top Farm (Jacob Singer) – _____.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Trails Committee is November 19, 2015 at 12 noon.

ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE: At approximately 1:00 p.m., the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Amanda "Mandie" Cantlin
Trails Committee Secretary

TRAILS COMMITTEE PRIORITIES (2016):

1. Hog's Hollow Trail
2. Paradise Valley Nature Area (trail improvements, washout, & Valley Creek fish habitat improvement)
3. Mt. Bradford Improvements (meadow restoration, parking area, paved trail)
4. Brandywine Trail Phase 1 drainage improvements
5. Brandywine Trail Phase 5
6. Plum Run Corridor

Other projects that are not prioritized include:

- Bike/ped improvements along Scanneltown Road (Mt. Bradford to Scanneltown 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
- Guthrie trail easement
- Ravine to Brandywine Road
- Sunset Hollow Road
- Sunset Hollow / Happy Creek / Harmony Hill