

# East Bradford Township Trails Committee (Subcommittee of the Parks & Recreation Board) Regular Meeting Minutes December 17, 2015

The December regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Trails Committee (TC) (subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board) was held on December 17, 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  
Joseph Hamel  
Maria Kenny  
Betsey Mehl  
Josie Parman  
Andy Schaum  
Jacob Singer  
Jim Wakefield

**Committee members absent:**

Tony Blanco  
Michael Colley  
Bob Hawkes  
Fred Rothman

**Staff/Professionals present:**

Michael Lynch, Township Manager  
Mandie Cantlin, Trails Committee Liaison and Assistant Township Manager

**Staff/Professionals absent:**

Mark Lucas, P.E., Township Engineer

**Others in attendance:**

Kendra McMillin

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chair Spangler. Mr. Lynch and Ms. Cantlin expressed that the Township is grateful to the Committee for its energetic dedication to the Township trails program this past year!

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** Mr. Hamel made a motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2015, as presented. Mr. Schuam seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Brandywine Trail –
  - a. Rules / regulations – Mr. Spangler, Mr. Wakefield, and Ms. Cantlin met with West Bradford staff on November 24 to discuss joint regulations to govern the use of the paved trail. Based on this meeting, skateboards and roller blades would be permitted uses on the trail. Ms. Cantlin hopes to put regulations into draft form in the first quarter. Ms. Cantlin also noted that Public Works installed drainage improvements this week.
  - b. Rt. 322 Bridge Replacement – The Township may be working with McCormick Taylor in 2016 to prepare plans for the trail underpass and the parking lot. The Township is still working with the County to see whether the additional work can be integrated into the TIP. The Committee is interested in supporting this effort.

2. Chapel Trail – PennTrails and Hanover Engineering Associates performed the analysis work on November 17. The assessment indicates that a bridge is feasible. The report also recommends that the Township/Camp divert upslope drainage to protect the bridge abutments. PennTrails estimates that it will cost an additional \$2,800 to evaluate the drainage. The total project is expected to cost around \$18,000 (not including the drainage assessment, which could recommend additional work). Mr. Schaum suggested that Mark Lucas evaluate the project area to assess whether he feels there's value in this evaluation. In addition, the Township will be submitting a PECO Green Region grant application this week.
3. Naturalist Guided Walks – The planning group intends to meet with Kendra McMillin on Monday December 21 to discuss the spring walk. Ms. McMillin suggested a walk in late May / early June. She is not available between March 13-16 and between April 22-29.
4. 2015 Trail Blazer Run – The group is working to recruit sponsors. Members suggested focusing on sponsorships in early 2016.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

1. SD 606 Ciccarone Final Plan – Ms. Cantlin reported that the applicant submitted revised final plans last month.
2. Brandywine Creek Greenway and Plum Run Green Corridor – No update.
3. Chester Valley Trail Extension – The third meeting of the Chester Valley Trail Extension Task Force is scheduled for this afternoon. The County is expected to display some conceptual alignments. Mr. Spangler reminded members that there is an online survey to solicit feedback about the CVT. The survey is available at <http://www.landscapes2.org/transportation/cvte.cfm> and will remain open until May 2016.
4. Comprehensive Plan – Members of the Comprehensive Task Force met with representatives from West Chester Borough on December 14. The Borough is generally supportive of the cooperative elements suggested by Thomas Comitta Associates. The two planners will work together to draft language for inclusion in both municipal planning documents. The next meeting of the East Bradford task force is scheduled for January 6, 2016.
5. Mt. Bradford Preserve – Ms. Parman asked about the status of the paved trail through Mt. Bradford. Ms. Cantlin reported that the project is not in the 2016 budget.
6. Budget – Mr. Lynch spoke about the tax increase and the Township's effort to rebuild the capital reserve fund. The Committee inquired about the budget's impact on trail programs. Mr. Lynch also talked about the use of the open space fund.
7. Wilson Trail – Ms. Cantlin conveyed the Supervisors' interest to advance the trail connection between Scanneltown Road and Niels Street. The Committee is interested in weighing in on this project.
8. 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 Hatzipavlides) – \_\_\_\_\_
  - 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 Hatzipavlides) – \_\_\_\_\_
  - 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 January 21, 2016 at 12 noon.

**ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE:** At approximately 1:30 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, Chapel Trail, & 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 Scennelltown Road (Mt. Bradford to Scennelltown 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