

**East Bradford Township  
Trails Committee  
(Subcommittee of the Parks & Recreation Board)  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2016**

The January regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Trails Committee (TC) (subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Board) was held on January 21, 2016 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  
Tony Blanco  
Michael Colley  
Sheila Fleming  
Joseph Hamel  
Bob Hawkes  
Maria Kenny  
Josie Parman  
Andy Schaum  
Jacob Singer  
Jim Wakefield

Committee members absent:

Betsey Mehl  
Fred Rothman

Staff/Professionals present:

Mandie Cantlin, Trails Committee Liaison and Assistant Township Manager  
Tenley Adams, Property and Recreation Assistant

Others in attendance:

Marianne Bausinger, P & R Chair  
Kendra McMillin  
Damien Kletzien  
Dave Redmond

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ORGANIZATION:** During the Supervisors' organization meeting on January 4, 2016, the Board reappointed all current Trails Committee members to serve another one-year term.

Ms. Cantlin assumed the role as Temporary Chair for the purpose of taking nominations from the floor for Chairman. Andy Schaum made a motion to re-appoint John Spangler as Chairman. Michael Colley seconded the motion.

John Spangler took nominations from the floor for Vice Chairman Andy Schaum made a motion to re-appoint Harry Hatzipavlidis as Vice Chairman. Joe Hamel seconded the motion.

John Spangler took nominations from the floor for Recording Secretary. Tony Blanco made a motion to appoint Tenley Adams as Recording Secretary. Andy Schaum seconded the motion.

The 2016 meeting dates for the Committee will remain the same – third Thursday of each month at 12 Noon.

**MINUTES:** Joe Hamel made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2015, as presented. Tony Blanco seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Brandywine Trail –

- a. Rules / regulations – Ms. Cantlin will be working with Ms. Adams to draft regulations for the paved trail this winter/spring. Ms. Cantlin also noted that Public Works installed signage along the paved trail to inform users that it is not maintained in the winter.

Mr. Hamel raised concerns about remote control cars on the trail as they could be a safety issue. Ms. Cantlin stated that the recently adopted revisions to the parks and open space regulations have addressed remote control cars/airplanes/helicopters and also drones. She will e-mail out a copy of the regulations to the members.

- b. Rt. 322 Bridge Replacement – Chester County is working on a sketch to submit to PennDOT in the hopes that they will accept the sketch in lieu of engineered drawings. Ms. Cantlin should have an update on this effort in February.

John Spangler expressed concern about rumors and impressions circulating in the trail community about the bridge not being installed and that the Township would have to construct a tunnel. It was suggested that a member of the Wilmington Trails Club could attend the EBT Trails Committee meetings and also an EBT Trails Committee member could attend the meetings at the Brandywine Conservancy to hopefully answer any questions and eliminate any misconceptions.

- c. Cycling Ride Share Program – An East Bradford resident expressed interest in a bicycle ride share program at the Brandywine Trail (similar to the Indigo bike program in Philadelphia). Kendra McMillin said that West Chester University is currently looking into a similar program for the University and it was suggested that the County could also be interested. Kendra said that she will keep the Committee informed of developments.

- 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). During the December meeting, Mr. Schaum suggested that Mark Lucas evaluate the project area to assess whether he feels there's value in this evaluation. Mr. Lucas is in the midst of a project; when that work is complete, he will be able to investigate the drainage in this area. The Supervisors have indicated that they are prepared to proceed with the project once they have an understanding of the funding allocation (i.e. percent of the project cost that will come from the Camp, Township, grants, Trail Blazer Run proceeds, etc.). Mr. Schaum stated that the Paradise Farm Camps Board will be meeting next week to discuss funding and to vote on those items.
- 3. Naturalist Guided Walks – Kendra McMillin was present to discuss the spring walk with the Committee. She suggested that the walk be on Forest Ecology. The Trails Committee members suggested that the property adjacent to Stroud Preserve belonging to Joe Armstrong would be an excellent area for the walk. The walk has been scheduled for Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm with a rain date of Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Mr. Spangler will meet with Ms. McMillin to show her the suggested property.
- 4. 2015 Trail Blazer Run – The group will meet at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss sponsorships, prize categories, T-shirt design, and volunteers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tigue Property: Ms. Cantlin stated that revised plans for the Tigue Property have been received and will be available for review at the next Trails Committee meeting. She said that very little has changed on the plans and they will be available on the website ([www.eastbradford.org](http://www.eastbradford.org)) for review prior to the next meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

1. Brandywine Creek Greenway and Plum Run Green Corridor: Shelia Fleming stated that they have applied for funding for the next two years and they should find out if it has been approved by the end of January.
2. Trails and Shared Use Pathways Signage and Wayfinding Workshop – The Brandywine Conservancy is hosting a free Trails and Shared Use Pathways Signage and Wayfinding Workshop sponsored by Penn Trails, PELA Design, and the Conservancy. Ms. Cantlin distributed information about the workshop earlier in the month. This 90 minute, round table format, workshop will introduce the elements of contemporary signage and wayfinding for trails and shared-use pathways. Concepts will include the relationship between a trail/shared-use pathway’s management and use with its signage and wayfinding elements. Considerations will include how signage and wayfinding shape a user’s expectations and experiences, including implementing best practices for universal access. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP to Sharene Cook, [sharene@penntrails.com](mailto:sharene@penntrails.com). Ms. Cantlin RSVP’d for East Bradford Township.
3. Chester Valley Trail Extension – The third meeting of the Chester Valley Trail Extension Task Force took place on December 17. The Chester County Planning Commission reviewed the outcome of the survey to date (the survey will remain active through May (<http://www.landscapes2.org/transportation/cvte.cfm>)). To date, they have received about 665 responses. Of those: 97% favor extending the CVT westward; 80% consider themselves frequent users; and 68% said they would use a new western extension. The County reviewed photos taken during the field reconnaissance and discussed possible alignment options. The CCPC will conduct further reconnaissance in the months ahead and is hoping to develop a draft alignment for the next meeting (target: February). The next public meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 31.
4. Comprehensive Plan – Thomas Comitta Associates distributed the first round of draft content earlier in the month. The next meeting of the East Bradford task force is scheduled for February 3, 2016.
5. Kendra McMillin said that she met with the East Bradford Township EAC to discuss the Emerald Ash Borer and a data collection survey of the ash trees in the township. This would be done in anticipation of creating a policy for the treatment of the borer.
6. Member’s Trail Inspections – not discussed.
  - a. Blue Rock Trail (Fred Rothman) – \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Brandywine Trail (Andy Schaum) – \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Copeland / East Bradford Park Trail (Harry Hatzipavrides) – \_\_\_\_\_
  - 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 February 18, 2016 at 12 noon.

**ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE:** At approximately 1:30 p.m., the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Tenley Adams  
Recording Secretary

**TRAILS COMMITTEE PRIORITIES (2016):**

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

Other projects that are not prioritized include:

- Bike/ped improvements along Sconnettown Road (Mt. Bradford to Sconnettown 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