

**East Bradford Township
Trails Committee
(Subcommittee of the Parks & Recreation Board)
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2016**

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 20, 2016 in the McCardle Meeting Room of the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, PA 19380-1822.

Committee members present:

John Spangler, Chairman
Harry Hatzipavlidis, Vice Chairman
Tony Blanco
Michael Colley
Sheila Fleming
Bob Hawkes
Josie Parman
Andy Schaum
Jacob Singer
Jim Wakefield

Committee members absent:

Joseph Hamel
Maria Kenny
Betsey Mehl
Fred Rothman

Staff/Professionals present:

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

Others in attendance:

Dave Redmond
Kendra McMillin
Damien Kletzien

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Josie Parman made a motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2016, as presented. Andy Schaum seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Brandywine Creek Greenway and Plum Run Green Corridor – Toll Brothers has shared survey and engineering data with the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance in the interest of advancing this effort. The project will be ongoing over the next number of months.
2. Brandywine Farm North – An appraisal is in progress to value the proposed lots on Brandywine Farm North. The appraisal will likely be finished in December, at which point the Township can proceed with the plans for the subdivision.
3. Brandywine Farm South – The parking lot for the dog park has increased in complexity through the engineering and permitting process. It has changed significantly since it was first conceptualized in 2013. For that reason, the staff asked the engineering firm for a cost estimate to construct the current layout. The estimate exceeded \$250,000. The Supervisors intend to improve the entrance in accordance with the HOP permit, so that the field area can be used informally for overflow. The staff hopes to be able to obtain grant funding for the lot – either in concert with or independent of – other site improvements (e.g. trail on the north parcels, dog park accouterments).

4. Chapel Trail – PennTrails worked with Camp and Township staff in early October to complete the Chapel Trail bridge. Andy Schaum stated that the Camp and Township staff put in 94 labor hours, which reduced the overall cost. The Township received \$10,000 from the PECO Green Region Grant Program which is being used to offset the cost of the bridge installation.
5. Greene Countrie Lot – The Township will be auctioning a lot it owns on Greene Countrie Drive on October 25, 2016. The auction is being handled by Traiman Auction Company.
6. Harry Waite Nature Area – Prior to budgeting any money for expansion of the parking area or creating any additional features the Supervisors suggested that the staff reach out to neighboring property owners again to see if they would have any interest in transferring the property between Creek Road and the Brandywine to the Township to expand the park area.
7. Naturalist Guided Walks – The next Naturalist Walk is scheduled for October 30 at 2:00 pm. To date, there are 13 people registered. It is now time to begin planning the spring walk.
8. 2017 Trail Blazer Run – The race group will meet around 12:30 to start planning for 2017.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. Chester Valley Trail Extension – There was a steering committee meeting on September 29, 2016 and the County has rescheduled the drone flight of the corridor for early November. The next public meeting will be scheduled in November or December and the County plans to conclude the planning effort in the spring of 2017.
2. Members' Trail Inspections – No discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting of the Trails Committee is November 17, 2016 at 12 noon.

ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE: At approximately 12:25 p.m., the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Tenley F. Adams
Recording Secretary

TRAILS COMMITTEE PRIORITIES (2017):

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 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