

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
March 27, 2013 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 7:30 pm, in the East Bradford Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, Pa., 19380.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Bausinger, Chair
Michael Colley
John Dwyer
John Fidler
Joe Hamel
John Spangler

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT - None

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT

Tenley Adams, Township Services Coordinator
John Carroll, Public Works Foreman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jakob Prolog, Eagle Scout Candidate

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Parks and Recreation was called to order at 7:30 pm by Marianne Bausinger, Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Colley the motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Fidler abstaining as he was not at the meeting, approving the minutes of the February 27, 2013 meeting.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Eagle Scout candidate Jakob Prolog returned to finalize his project plans for an information kiosk at Shaw's Bridge Park. Mr. Prolog will include information on the trees that were planted at the park on one side of the kiosk, with the other side for information available for general information. The P & R Board was in agreement that this is a very beneficial project for Shaw's Bridge Park. Mr. Hamel will be his contact person for the project.

FUTURE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

To help streamline the submittal process for Eagle Scout Projects, it was suggested that a form be created to be used by the Eagle Scout Candidates giving the basic information about the project and submitted to the Parks & Recreation Board prior to being placed on the agenda of a future meeting. Mr. Dwyer will create the draft document and e-mail to the members for comment.

EAST BRADFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD

As part of the renovation project about to get underway at East Bradford Elementary School, the school district is allowing the township to install a regulation size soccer field on the property in the north east corner bordering the property line with the township campus. The township would be responsible for installation of the field, along with maintenance and would be control of the field for permits during non-school hours. This will be discussed further at the April meeting with the Township Engineer, Mark Lucas, in attendance.

EAST BRADFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO – SPRING FAIR

Mrs. Bausinger reported that the PTO is requesting to use East Bradford Park for its Spring Fair as they will not be allowed to have the Fair at the school because of the renovations. The date is June 7th from 5pm to 8pm and they could have up to 400 people attend the fair. A good

percentage of the families that will be attending live in the Kenmara SD and the PTO will encourage carpooling and walking to the park. It was commended that any partnership with the school district is a positive relationship. Ms. Bausinger will be the liaison for the PTO. On motion of Mr. Colley and second by Mr. Spangler, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends that the East Bradford Elementary School PTO Fair be allowed at East Bradford Park and any fees for use of the park be waived. The motion passed with all in favor.

PARADISE VALLY TRAIL

Assist. Manager Cantlin requested that the Parks & Recreation Board review that portion of the Ravine Road Trail (aka Chapel Trail) that comes close to the Valley Creek where it is eroding and washing out. The trail is part of a trail easement between the Children's Country Week Assoc., Natural Lands Trust, Chester County and East Bradford Township. It has been recommended by the Trails Committee that a site assessment and geotechnical analysis should be completed costing approximately \$3,000 to \$8,000 and that a fiberglass bridge should be installed costing around \$40,000. CCWA has offered to help with some funding for the analysis.

Mr. Colley provided some background about that location as it has had problems for many years and that when he worked at the camp he had done repairs to help stabilize the location. Mr. Fidler had also helped with stabilization at this location when he worked at the camp. Mr. Colley feels that the cost recommended by the Trails Committee is cost prohibitive and that other options such as rerouting the trail could be done with little or no cost to the township. The P & R Board wondered why the township seems to be the sole responsible entity for the repairs when the easement includes Natural Lands Trust and Chester County and the land is owned by CCWA. On motion of Mr. Colley and second by Mr. Hamel, it recommends to the Board of Supervisors that all avenues are explored, such as rerouting of the Ravine Road Trail, prior to spending any funds on assessments or bridges at that location of the Trail. The motion passed with all in favor.

DOG PARK

Issues of dogs running loose at a number of the township parks and open space has been a concern for the last number of years. Shaw's Bridge Park and Timbertop Farm seem to be considered by many as dog parks and even with signage stating that dogs must be under control or leashed, issues continue to arise at these locations. The West Chester Police Department is patrolling on a regular basis and giving out warnings or citations for repeat offenders. It was recommended that P & R Board members visit Lloyd Park in Downingtown (Caln Township) as that dog park is one of the best in the area. Another dog park that is recommended to be visited is the Havertown Township Dog Park. The Parks & Recreation Board will investigate a location to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to be considered for a true Dog Park over the next few months.

PUBLIC WORK REPORT

Mr. Carroll discussed the work that has been completed and work that is to be completed at the parks. Parks are being readied for the active months ahead and most fields are already in use by the leagues.

SCONNELLTOWN PARK

Assist. Manager Cantlin had requested input from the Parks & Recreation Board on Sconnelltown Park as money had been budgeted to prepare bid documents for the proposed paved trail to be located on the property. Access to the property would be by foot from the neighboring properties or by parking at the Mt. Bradford Preserve and walking to the Park along Sconnelltown Road. On motion of Mr. Spangler and second by Mr. Dwyer, it is recommended that no additional work be done on Sconnelltown Park and that any money budgeted for the property be reallocated to other parks. The motion passed with all in favor.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN

Mr. Fidler requested that copies of both plans be made and distributed to the members of the P & R Board for review and discussion at a future meeting. He feels that by reviewing these documents the Board can learn in what direction the township desires to take with regard to future recreation possibilities.

EMERALD ASH BORE

Ms. Bausinger passed along info about the Emerald Ash Bore that is currently in Bucks County. The bore has been responsible for the death of many ash trees. Mr. Dwyer discussed some of the options available for treatment of trees with the bore.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:00 PM

To discuss the candidates for the vacancy on the Board

The Parks & Recreation Board reconvened from Executive Session at 9:25pm

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD VACANCY

The Parks & Recreation Board interviewed three candidates this evening prior to the meeting, to fill the vacancy on the Board. All three members were qualified for the position, which made the selection very difficult. On motion of Mr. Spangler and second by Mr. Hamel, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends to the Board of Supervisors that the vacancy on the Board be filled by Ash Swayne and that the other two applicants, Tony Blanco and Bradley Titus, be appointed as Members at Large to the P & R Board. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURN:

On motion of Mr. Spangler and second by Mr. Hamel the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2013 AT 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Acting Secretary