

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
April 24, 2013 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, April 24, 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  
Tony Blanco  
John Dwyer  
Ash Swayne

John Fidler, Vice Chair  
Michael Colley  
Joe Hamel  
Bradley Titus

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT** - John Spangler

**STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**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. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Hamel the motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Blanco, Mr. Swayne and Mr. Titus abstaining as they were not at the meeting, approving the minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting.

**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 providing a permanent easement to 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. Township Engineer, Mark Lucas discussed this with the P & R Board what will be required for the installation of the field and the necessary erosion and sedimentation controls that will be required. On motion of Mr. Hamel and second by Mr. Swayne, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends to the Board of Supervisors that the necessary steps be taken to start the process for permitting. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOG PARK**

Issues of dogs running loose at a number of the township parks and open spaces 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. The P & R Board discussed several of the dog parks around the area and what people are looking for in a dog park, such as water features, and fenced areas for large and small dogs. It was suggested that Brandywine Farm (south of Rt. 842) which is owned by the township and borders the west branch of the Brandywine Creek be considered for a dog park and also Starr Farm Park at the intersection of Skelp Level Road and Harmony Hill Road. This would offer areas in the north and south sections of the township, while only one would provide a water feature. It was suggested that an Eagle Scout project would be to create an agility type course at one of the parks, for dogs. On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Mr. Blanco, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors look at the feasibility and cost of construction for locating dog parks at Brandywine Farm and Starr Farm Park, with fenced areas for large and small dogs. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **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 created a draft form for review by the P & R Board and it was suggested that it be forwarded to Mr. Myhre of the EAC who is an Eagle Scout mentor.

#### **EAST BRADFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO – SPRING FAIR**

Mrs. Bausinger reported that the PTO has been given the go ahead by the Board of Supervisors to use East Bradford Park for its spring fair because of the construction that will be underway at the school. The fair is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PUBLIC WORK REPORT**

Mr. Carroll reported that the new water fountains have been installed at East Bradford Park and 90 tons of Diamond-Tex has been added to the fields. Grass cutting of the fields has started and at the other parks.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN**

Copies of the Comprehensive Plan and Open Space & Recreation Plan were distributed to all members of the P & R Board and Mr. Fidler requested that the P & R Board members review and they will be discussed at a future meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Colley reported that he and Trails Committee member John Hagens visited the pond along the south section of the Brandywine Trail to consider it for use as a children's fishing pond. They feel that it would make an excellent addition to the area especially with the addition of some picnic tables and benches for use by families. On motion of Mr. Colley and second by Mr. Hamel, it is recommended that the township explore restoring the water flow to the pond so that it can be used as a children's fishing pond. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bausinger reported that a production company for QVC has requested to use a baseball field at East Bradford Park for a sunglass promotion. They will be doing a 1 hour photo shoot on April 30<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

Mrs. Bausinger suggested that the Parks & Recreation Board again pursue the use of the fields by "for profit" businesses when the fields are not being used, ex: late summer and fall.

Mr. Colley reported that the lease agreement for the M. John Johnson Nature Area, currently between PECO Energy and West Chester Fish Game & Wildlife, will be changed to an agreement between PECO Energy and the township.

#### **ADJOURN:**

On motion of Mr. Dwyer and second by Mr. Fidler the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

**NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013 AT 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams  
Acting Secretary