

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
May 22, 2013 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, May 22, 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

Joe Hamel

Ash Swayne

Bradley Titus

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT - Tony Blanco, John Dwyer, John Fidler, John Spangler

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT

Tenley Adams, Township Services Coordinator

John Carroll, Public Works Foreman

John Snook, Supervisors/Liaison to Parks & Rec

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. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Colley the motion passed unanimously, approving the minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Nick Walker presented his proposed Eagle Scout project of constructing two benches to be installed at the basketball court at Copeland School Park. He would also do a clean-up day at the park with his fellow scouts who would be helping with the project. The Parks & Recreation Board felt that this would be a beneficial addition to the basketball court since it does receive a lot of use. On motion of Mr. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Colley the Parks & Recreation Board approved Nick Walker's request to build and install two benches at the basketball court at Copeland School Park as his Eagle Scout Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Quentin Walker presented his proposed Eagle Scout project of constructing two picnic tables to be installed along the south Brandywine Trail at the level area just south of Harmony Hill Road overlooking the pond. He will also do a clean-up of the area and the trail with his fellow scouts who are helping with the project. The Parks & Recreation Board felt that this would make an excellent location for a picnic area and also requested that one of the picnic tables be handicapped accessible. On motion of Mr. Swayne and seconded by Mr. Colley the Parks & Recreation Board approved Quentin Walker's request to build and install two picnic tables along the south section of Brandywine Trail as his Eagle Scout Project. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Update: The township engineer is awaiting a quote from the consulting engineer for design services.

DOG PARKS

The Board of Supervisors agreed that the Parks & Recreation Board should pursue the installation of the dog parks at Brandywine Farm and Starr Farm Park. The P & R Board reviewed aerials of both parcels and agreed that the first steps would be to get quotes for fencing at both locations and a price to install a parking area at Brandywine Farm, these items can then be included in the budget for 2014. Once the basic areas have been fenced, parking added to Brandywine Farm, and doggie bag stations and trash receptacles having been added to both areas, the parks would be functional. Other amenities could be added as funding allows and the need warrants. These could include benches, shade areas, and agility courses for the dogs. Many of these items could be Eagle Scout projects. Concerns were raised about the current farming leases on the properties and if they can be broken prior to the expiration and what type of crops were being planted.

MT. BRADFORD PRESERVE POND

Mr. Colley visited the pond at Mt. Bradford Preserve and discussed his visit with the P & R Board. He said that the pond is spring fed and would work well as a cold water fishery; unlike the pond along the south section of the Brandywine Trail which would be a warm water fishery. The Mt. Bradford pond is over grown around the edges and will need to be cleaned out and possibly dredged. This would make a possible Eagle Scout Project. Mrs. Adams will make contact with someone from the Boy Scouts about this project. On motion of Mr. Titus and seconded by Mr. Swayne it was recommended that a volunteer crew be assembled to clean out around the pond, stone wall and spring house areas so that the pond can better be assessed. The motion passed unanimously.

BRANDYWINE TRAIL POND

Mr. Colley motioned the possibility of having someone take a look at the feasibility of reinstating the water supply to the pond along the south section of the Brandywine Trail, Mr. Hamel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORK REPORT

Mr. Carroll reported that field and park maintenance is in full swing with the spring growing season. He thanked Mr. Colley for mowing the path at Paradise Valley Nature Area which was a great help in freeing up time for other maintenance items.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Colley complemented the Public Works Department for a fantastic job on renovating the parking area at Paradise Valley Nature Area; he said that this parking area is the only one available for fishermen who fish West Valley Creek from this point south.

ADJOURN:

On motion of Mr. Hamel and second by Mr. Colley the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013 AT 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Acting Secretary