

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
August 28, 2013 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, August 28, 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  
Bradley Titus

Tony Blanco  
Joe Hamel  
Ash Swayne

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT** - John Fidler and John Spangler

**STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT**

Tenley Adams, Administrative Assistant  
Mandie Cantlin, Assistant Township Manager  
John Carroll, Public Works Foreman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Justin Antonucci, Eagle Scout Candidate; Mrs. Antonucci

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the May 22, 2013 minutes was motioned by Joe Hamel and seconded by Brad Titus, with all in favor.

Approval of the minutes from the June 26, 2013 minutes was motioned by Ash Swayne and seconded by John Dwyer, with all in favor.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS**

Justin Antonucci, Eagle Scout Candidate, presented his proposed Eagle Scout Project to the P & R Board. He would like to construct a sand box at East Bradford Park for the younger children to play in. During his power point presentation he provided three options for locating the sand box, 1) just off the pavilion where the volley ball court had been located, 2) location between the main walkway and the tot lot – which would require removing one tree and 3) locating the sand box within the perimeter of the youth play area. The 10 ft. by 15 ft. sand box would be built out of pressure treated lumber and fastened with galvanized screws. After discussion the P & R Board felt that the first location would be the best location for the construction of the sand box. They commented that Mr. Antonucci's presentation had been the best that they have seen thus far for an Eagle Scout Project.

On motion of Mr. Hamel and second by Mr. Titus the Parks & Recreation Board approved Justin Antonucci's request to build a sand box at East Bradford Park as his Eagle Scout Project. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Bausinger will be the liaison for the project and Mr. Dwyer will assist if needed.

Other Eagle Scout Projects – updates

Flag Pole Garden at EB Park – Mr. Dwyer has not had any communication from the Scout  
Shaw's Bridge Info Sign – Mr. Hamel has not had any communication from the Scout

**MANDIE CANTLIN, ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

Ms. Cantlin was in attendance to discuss information that she had obtained at PALTA (PA Land Trust Alliance) and PSATS (PA State Association of Township Supervisors) Conferences this past spring in regards to creation, funding and implantation of recreation programs.

At the request of some of the members of the P & R Board, Ms. Cantlin reviewed the history of the open space acquisitions, funding and referendums.

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Tony Blanco proposed creating articles to spotlight a park or recreation area to be included in future editions of the township newsletter. In the first article he would like to spotlight the Brandywine Trail along with Sugars Bridge and Harmony Hill Nature Areas and provided a rough draft of the article to the P & R Board. It was suggested that some history of the property along with what facilities that are located at the area and a picture or two of the areas be included. The P & R Board feels this is an excellent idea to help promote the township parks and passive recreation areas. Mr. Blanco will complete the first article and forward it to Ms. Bausinger for review and submittal for the newsletter.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Ash Swayne presented a program on Social Media which included Face Book, Twitter and YouTube. He feels that this is an excellent way for the township to inform and educate the residents of what is going on in East Bradford Township. Face Book will send out blurbs to let people know that new content has been added to the Face Book page or Twitter can send out a brief announcement that will notify the resident that something is going on, such as a concert, road closure, emergency notice, or that the latest edition of the newsletter is available on the website. YouTube is videos which could show the parks, trails or open space that are available for the residents to visit. Mr. Swayne mentioned that un-official sites for the township parks are already up and running, but that the township should put up official ones so that incorrect information does not get out. These sites can also be used by the township to notify residents of new information that is available, such as trash & recycling information, changes in collection days or notices from the police department about speeding or car vandalism. Surveys on what the residents want to see in the township going forward or surveys on park facilities and programs could also be announced with links to the surveys on the website or another location. The Parks & Recreation Board feels that these would be an excellent addition to the township's notification system that is currently in place (website, newsletter) and that they realize procedures will need to be put in place in regards to the content to be added to the sites.

On motion of Mr. Swayne and second by Mr. Titus, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends to the Board of Supervisors that plans be put into place to institute township fed sites on Face Book and Twitter to allow better communication to the residents. The motion passed unanimously.

### **SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

The Parks & Recreation Board reviewed the following plan:  
SD # 626 Barr – Sketch Plan - no comments at this time

### **BUDGET**

Ms. Bausinger asked if anyone had any additional budget items to be included in the 2014 budget. No one had any additional requests.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

### **ADJOURN:**

On motion of Mr. Hamel and second by Mr. Dwyer the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013 AT 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams  
Acting Secretary