

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
October 23, 2013 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, October 23, 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 Fidler
John Spangler

Tony Blanco
Joe Hamel
Ash Swayne

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT - John Dwyer and Bradley Titus

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT

Tenley Adams, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Litwa, resident and previous board member

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 August 28, 2013 minutes was motioned by Mike Colley and seconded by Joe Hamel, with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Litwa, past member of the Parks & Recreation Board who retired in 2011, stopped in to visit with the Board. He said he has been following the minutes of the P & R Board and is happy to see some of the new projects that are under way; such as the dog park and social media. He said he was in agreement with the P & R Board's recommendation to defer the capital expense for the soccer field at East Bradford Elementary School and that such a large expense should be for land that is owned by the township, where they have total control.

DISC GOLF:

The P & R Board discussed two recent requests for the creation of a disc golf course in the township. Neither of the people who requested the course was in attendance. The P & R Board would like additional information on what type of location is suitable, the cost to install and the maintenance for such a course. Mr. Spangler will meet with the requesters to view possible sites and to obtain additional information.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Ms. Bausinger reported that the Board of Supervisors is interested in the social media proposal and that this will be discussed at the Chairperson Meeting next week. Ms. Bausinger would like to see the P & R Board be the "*trial*" board for the social media since they have some new projects underway for 2014. She commented this would be an excellent way to disseminate information especially on the new dog park and possibly starting a "Friends of the Dog Park" to help with the funding of the park.

DOG PARK UPDATE:

The Board of Supervisors have authorized funds from the 2013 budget to start the engineering of the parking area for the dog park, as this is a requirement of PECO where the parking area would be located. Also, funds have been placed in the 2014 budget for the park for parking lot construction, fencing, and miscellaneous start up necessities.

PARADISE VALLEY NATURE AREA:

Mr. Colley stated that with John Carroll's authorization he had mowed the nature area in late spring to help eliminate the noxious weeds. He also mowed the perimeter trail and he reports that the trail is used on a regular basis by residents from Briarwood. He said the closure of the Chapel Trail does not seem to be an issue as residents are finding other ways into the nature area. He also suggested that a new picnic table and bench be added to the list of possible Eagle Scout projects.

POLLINATOR GARDEN:

Ms. Bausinger said that she would like to see a pollinator garden created at East Bradford Park to educate children and adults. This would also be an excellent Eagle Scout Project and can be added to the list of possible projects.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS – UPDATES

Flag Pole Garden – East Bradford Park – No update

Kiosk – Shaw's Bridge Park – Mr. Hamel reported that the Scout has been in contact with him and that he is working on the project.

Sand Box – East Bradford Park – Ms. Bausinger reported that she at met the Scout at the site and he is in the process of securing funding for the supplies. He anticipates starting construction in the next few weeks

Pond Clearing – Mr. Bradford Preserve - Mr. Titus had reported that the Scout will be starting after the foliage has gone dormant and that he and Mr. Dwyer will be marking those trees and shrubs that should be maintained and review the project in the field with the Scout.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

The P & R Board thanked Tony Blanco for his article in the most recent newsletter and discussed the next article for the spring. East Bradford Park will be the highlight since the park gets a lot of use in the spring and early summer.

SHAW'S BRIDGE PARK:

Ms. Bausinger reported that Urban Promise Academy of Wilmington had requested to hold an educational session on the Lenape Native American Indian culture at the park. They were granted permission and Chief Quiet Thunder of the Delaware Lenape tribes had given demonstrations on different aspects of the culture. They had a great day and perfect weather. Shaw's Bridge Park had been part of the Lenape Indians lands which is why they had requested to use the park.

EAST BRADFORD PARK:

The East Bradford Elementary PTO had requested to do a "Trunk or Treat" at the park, but unfortunately while the Board of Supervisors had granted permission they didn't have enough time to pull the event together. They may request to do the event again next year, allowing more time for planning.

ADJOURN:

On motion of Mr. Colley and second by Mr. Swayne the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 AT 7:30 PM. NOTE CHANGE IN DATE BECAUSE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Acting Secretary