

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
January 29, 2014 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 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  
John Dwyer  
John Spangler

Tony Blanco  
John Fidler  
Ash Swayne

Michael Colley  
Joe Hamel  
Bradley Titus

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT - None**

**STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT**

Tenley Adams, Administrative Assistant  
John Carroll, Public Works Foreman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Resident Matt Potter; John Schleider, West Bradford resident; Fran X Hoffman, DE Disc Golf and Alex Blanchard, disc golf advocate.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:30 pm by Marianne Bausinger, Chairperson. This meeting had been postponed from its regular meeting date (01/22/14) because of snow and low temperatures.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the December 18, 2013 minutes was motioned by John Dwyer and seconded by Joe Hamel, with all in favor.

**2014 ORGANIZATION**

The Parks & Recreation Board re-organized for 2014 with the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Fidler, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board appointed Marianne Bausinger Chairperson for 2014.

On motion of Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Colley, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board appointed John Fidler Vice-Chairman for 2014.

Ms. Bausinger asked for a P & R Board member to be the Field Permit Coordinator, which she has been doing for a number of years. She would like a member to take over issuing the permits so that she is able to concentrate on the overall Board. Mr. Blanco volunteered to do the Field Permits and will meet with Ms. Bausinger to go over the procedures.

**DISC GOLF -** East Bradford Resident Matt Potter was in attendance along with John Schleider, Fran X. Hoffman and Alex Blanchard to discuss the possibility of a disc golf course within East Bradford. Mr. Potter presented info about disc golf and how it is played. He said that it is a family sport that all ages can play, that allows for outdoor recreation that does not require a lot of physical strength. The course is usually laid out over an area of at least 20 acres for an 18 hole course. The course requires a tee and a basket for each green. The initial start-up cost would be \$10,000 for those items. Mr. Potter had looked at several locations within East Bradford and suggested that either Mt. Bradford Preserve or Skelp Level Park could be used for a course.

The P & R Board had several questions that they asked about the course, installation, concerns about regulation of the course and if other locations had been considered for a course. Ms. Bausinger stated that the P & R Board would like to explore the idea and visit a disc golf course in the area to get a better feel for what is required.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** – This item is on the agenda to be discussed at the Chairpersons Meeting in February. Mrs. Bausinger will be in attendance and asked if Ash Swayne could also attend to do a presentation on social media so that everyone is up to speed.

**PICKLE BALL** – P & R Board member Tony Blanco discussed the possibility on installing a Pickle Ball court at East Bradford Park. Pickle Ball is played on a court the size of a badminton court over a net tennis court type net, a solid paddle and a wiffle ball. The courts are usually laid out on an existing tennis court adding new lines to the court, which does not cause an issue with regular tennis play. Pickle Ball nets are portable and those who play will bring their own nets. Pickle Ball is an excellent type of exercise for all ages and for those people who cannot serve a ball overhand because of shoulder issues. Ms. Bausinger reported that the tennis courts are in need of resurfacing and hopes this will be included in the 2015 budget and this would be a good time to paint lines on the courts as they could be removed when the resurfacing occurs if the Pickle Ball doesn't work out. The cost to paint the lines would be minimal and would allow for a trial period. On motion of Mr. Hamel and second by Mr. Spangler, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends that Pickle Ball lines be painted on one of the existing tennis courts to allow for Pickle Ball play. Anyone wishing to play Pickle Ball will be required to provide their own nets.

**DOG PARK** – Ms. Bausinger reported that engineering plans have been created and reviewed and have/or will be submitted to PECO for the permit to construct the parking area which is located on the PECO property. It is now estimated that the dog park will not be up and running until this fall at the earliest.

**JANE REED PARK** – Ms. Bausinger reported that the 2014 budget includes money for picnic tables at Jane Reed Park. Since picnic tables are an excellent Eagle Scout service project, like the sign for the Peter Orr Nature Trail and kiosk that is being constructed, the Parks & Recreation Board agreed that the money would be better used elsewhere.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS UPDATES:**

**Shaw's Bridge Park** – Mr. Hamel reported that the kiosk has been completed and the Eagle Scout will be filing the kiosk with information on the trees that have been planted at the park along with other information about the park.

**East Bradford Park** – Ms. Bausinger reported that the Boy Scout is going to prefab the sand box off site and bring it to the park to be located next to the pavilion. Ms. Bausinger requested from Mr. Carroll that the area where the sand box is to be located be leveled for the installation.

Mr. Carroll stated that the Boy Scout that is going to build the flag pole garden has been contacting him about help with the project. This was a total surprise to the P & R Board as they thought the project had died for lack of interest. Mr. Dwyer is the contact for that project and he said that he hasn't had any communication from the Scout. Mr. Carroll will e-mail the info to Mr. Dwyer so that he can contact the Scout about the project.

**Mt. Bradford Preserve** – Mr. Titus reported that the Scout has all of his approvals from the Scout Council and will be starting work in March when the weather is better. Ms. Bausinger stated that she has made arrangements with the Master Gardeners to be at the site during the clearing to help with identification of plants and to help with proper pruning. The township will make arrangements to have a dumpster on site for the debris.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Ms. Bausinger reported that she, Mr. Hamel and Mr. Blanco had attended the Trails Committee meeting (1/23/14) in an effort to better understand the function and projects of the Trails Committee. Mr. Spangler is Chairman of the committee which is a sub-committee of the Parks & Recreation Board and Ms. Bausinger asked if a monthly report of their committee activities could be provided by him at the Parks & Recreation Board meetings, like it had been several years ago. Mr. Spangler agreed that he would provide monthly reports at the meetings. Ms. Bausinger would like to see more coordination between the Parks & Recreation Board and the Trail Committee.**

**Mr. Dwyer reported that the Blue Rock Trail is in poor condition and wondered what type of maintenance is done to the trail. Mr. Carroll said that they have trimmed back the over growth, but that is all that has been done. Mr. Spangler said that they will discuss this at the next Trails Committee meeting.**

**ADJOURN:**

**On motion of Mr. Titus and second by Mr. Fidler the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.**

**NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2014 AT 7:30 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Tenley F. Adams  
Acting Secretary**