

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
April 23, 2014 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, April 23, 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, Chairperson	Michael Colley	Joe Hamel
Tony Blanco	John Dwyer	Brad Titus
John Spangler	Ash Swayne	

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT - John Fidler

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT

Tenley Adams, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Potter, resident

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Matt Potter updated the P & R Board on some of the things he has done since meeting with the board in February. Mrs. Bausinger cautioned Mr. Potter that she doesn't want him to get too far into this without the necessary approvals; and that approvals often take many months. Mrs. Bausinger would still like each Board member to visit a site to get a better feel for the activity so that they can make an educated recommendation can be made to the Board of Supervisors. Disc Golf will be placed on the May agenda for discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the March 26, 2014 minutes was motioned by Joe Hamel and seconded by Tony Blanco, with all in favor.

SOCIAL MEDIA – The Board of Supervisors has requested that the P & R Board provide specific recommendations including indications of the time / cost / Staff resources necessary to implement and administer a Facebook page. On motion of Mr. Spangler and second by Mr. Blanco, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends to the Board of Supervisors the creation of a Facebook page by Intermedia Group, the IT provider to the township, that will be linked to the township web site for providing information on parks, trails, open space and recreation opportunities within the township. The initial cost to implement based on the quote provided by Intermedia Group is \$425, and based on the feedback from other municipalities the maximum staff time per week would be one hour. The Parks & Recreation Board feels that Mrs. Adams would be the staff member best suited to update the site as she currently updates the website and serves as township liaison to the P & R Board. An Administrative Policy for the Facebook page should be based on the Policy that was provided to the township by West Chester Borough. The motion passed unanimously.

PICKLE BALL COURT – The tennis courts were inspected by Mainline Tennis Company who specializes in surfacing / resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts. The courts were determined to be in very good condition and resurfacing of the courts should be budgeted in 2-3 years. At this time it is recommended that the courts be power washed to help keep the surface in good condition. A proposal for power washing and installation of pickle balls lines was provided from Mainline Tennis Company. After discussion it was motioned by Mr. Blanco and seconded by Mr. Titus, that the tennis courts be power washed and one pickle ball court painted on one tennis court, a pickle ball net be purchased and stored in a lock box at the courts (lock box to be purchased of the township does not already have one). The motion passed unanimously.

DOG PARK – Mrs. Bausinger update the board on the dog park. The farmer who leases the land is willing to move to another parcel; the parking on the PECO land is in the process of being approved and the riparian buffer issue, which is in the township ordinance, will be worked out with an amendment to the ordinance which is necessary for some of the trails that are in the planning stages. The park could be open in the fall of 2014 if all goes well.

JANE REED PARK – Mrs. Bausinger reported that the fitness items are outdated and it is recommended that they be removed. The picnic tables can be moved to another park, the grills if they are in good condition could be stored for use at either East Bradford or Shaw’s Bridge Parks as needed and the port-a-potty surround should be removed. On motion of Mr. Blanco and seconded by Mr. Spangler, it is recommended that the fitness course be removed, the picnic tables be moved to Harmony Hill Nature area, the grills be stored for use at another park if they are in good condition and the port-a-potty surround be removed. The motion passed unanimously.

SUGARS BRIDGE NATURE AREA – Mr. Colley reported that a discussion has commenced about the possible rehab of the pond that is located at the area. The water supply to the pond was cut off when the Brandywine Trail was created and would need to be recreated. On motion of Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Colley, it is recommended and fully supported by the Parks & Recreation Board that the rehabilitation of the pond be included in the Stewardship Plan for the Sugars Bridge Nature Area that is being created by Natural Lands Trust, for the purpose of fishing and recreation. The motion passed unanimously.

TRAIL COMMITTEE UPDATE – Mr. Spangler, Chairman of the Trails Committee, updated the P & R Board on the agenda items for tomorrow’s meeting. Mrs. Bausinger stated that she wished the meeting was held prior to the P & R Board meeting each month so that items could be acted upon in a timely manner. Items on the agenda include: Brandywine Trail Phase 5, feasibility study of crossings at Rt 162 and Taylor Run creek are underway by engineering firm; PA Bike Route “L”, improvements to the intersection of Rt. 162 and Creek Road being explored; Harmony Hill Nature Area winter clean-up taking place and damage due to drainage issue near bridge to be worked on this spring; Paradise Farm Trail is almost ready, concerns about hunting and trail use have been raised; Ravine Road (Chapel Trail) possibility of re-routing has been explored along with the possibility of cutting into the bank where the trail is washing out; Trail Blazer Race, new company will be overseeing the event which will be on June 19th; XL Globle Day of Giving, XL will be helping out at Paradise Farm Camps this year to create the Trail Blazer Race course; Golden Ram Trail drainage issue; Brandywine Trail, question of roller blading and skate boarding on the Trail has been raised as it is currently allowed in West Bradford but not East Bradford.

UPDATES –

Eagle Scout Project – Shaw’s Bridge Park – Mr. Hamel had nothing new to report.

Eagle Scout Project – East Bradford Park sand box - To be installed 5/3-4/14.

Eagle Scout Project – Mt. Bradford Pond – part of the cleaning has been completed and another work day will be held this weekend.

Eagle Scout Project – East Bradford Park flag pole – nothing new.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Spangler suggested that wood duck boxes could be built as an Eagle Scout Project at Shaw’s Bridge Park.

ADJOURN:

On motion of Mr. Spangler and second by Mr. Colley the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, May 28, 2014 AT 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Acting Secretary