

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
February 24, 2016 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm, in the East Bradford Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, Pa., 19380.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Bausinger, Chair
John Fidler

Tony Blanco
Joe Hamel

Michael Colley
John Spangler

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT - Ash Swayne

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT

Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant, Acting Secretary
John Carroll, Director of Public Works
Mandie Cantlin, Assistant Township Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

A. J. DiAntonio & Gus Sauerzopf of Octoraro Lodge #22, Boy Scouts of America
Scott Yaw, VP of Softball WSL

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Marianne Bausinger, Chairperson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the January 27, 2016 minutes was motioned by Mr. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Blanco, with all in favor.

BOY SCOUTS PRESENTATION – 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A.J. DiAntonio and Gus Sauerzopf of the Octoraro Lodge 22, Order of the Arrow, were in attendance to request the use of the Harry J. Waite Nature Area for a celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Octoraro Lodge #22. It had been discovered that the original induction ceremony of the founding members of the Lodge took place May of 1926 at the site where the Hillsdale Paper Mill had been located and part of the property is now part of the Waite Nature Area. They would like to incorporate parts of the original ceremony into a 90th anniversary celebration with approximately 50 members in attendance on Sunday, May 22, 2016. The Scouts would clean up the area in the weeks prior to the celebration and after the celebration leave the area better than it was found. Because of the lack of parking at the site, they will make arrangements for parking off site and shuttle people to the location. Insurance will be provided to the township for the event. Mr. DiAntonio will contact the adjoining property owner to see if it would be possible to also use some of that property. The P & R Board was very receptive to the Celebration and Mr. Hamel motioned to allow the event, Mr. Spangler seconded the motion with all in favor. Mr. DiAntonio thanked the Board and said that he will keep them in the loop as the planning for the event progresses.

COPELAND SCHOOL PARK – STORAGE BOX REPLACEMENT

Scott Yaw, VP of softball for West Side Little League was in attendance to request that West Side Little League be allowed to replace one of the storage boxes at the softball field with a larger box that would accommodate the pitching machine, field line painter and other tools. They would continue to use the small vinyl box for the umpire equipment. Mr. Carroll said that he would check with one of his vendors to see if they would donate the box to the little league. The existing boxes on all the fields are also in need of repainting and Mr. Yaw said that he will make

arrangements to have the boxes repainted by WSL. The P & R Board was in agreement that the box replacement made sense since a storage building is not provided at the park. Keys to all of the boxes would be provided to the township.

UPDATES:

Chapel Trail – Ms. Cantlin updated the P & R Board on the progress of the installation of the bridge. Paradise Farm Camp will be donating \$7000 towards the bridge and the Township will also provide \$7000 from the Capital Reserve Fund. Proceeds from the Trail Blazer Run in 2015 and also from the upcoming Run are to be used which will provide between \$18,000 & \$22,000 towards the bridge. A Green Region Grant in the amount of \$10,000 has been applied for and the township is awaiting notice of a possible award. Mark Lucas, Township Engineer reviewed the site because of concerns of possible drainage issues; he doesn't see any issues at this time, but will monitor after the installation. Penn Trails is finalizing the plans and it is anticipated the installation will be in the fall of 2016.

PUMP TRACK – Mr. Spangler and Mr. Blanco are at point for this. Mr. Spangler said that the group is also investigating the possibility of the pump track being installed in West Bradford Township. No additional information has been provided.

POLLINATOR GARDEN - Ms. Bausinger passed around the application for the pollinator garden certification and the requirements associated with it. Some areas for possible installation were discussed and site visits will be scheduled to see where would be the best fit. Some areas being considered were the Brandywine Trail near the garage where a rain garden was to be installed, Mt. Bradford Preserve near the pond area, and Shaw's Bridge Park.

FIELD USE PERMITS – The spring field use permits have been issued with 11 different organizations requesting time. One organization was turned away as no slots were available for them, the other 10 organizations were all allotted time but some did not get all the time they requested. Spring permits run from the middle of March to July.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PARK RULES - Mr. Colley discussed his concerns about the new opening and closing times that were put into place when the park rules were updated last year. He said that some of the new time blocks close the parks when it is still light not allowing for people to enjoy some of the recreation activities provided and other time blocks close the parks well after dark. Ms. Bausinger suggested he review the parks and recommend appropriate closing times for the parks and provide the suggestions for the March meeting.

MAINTENANCE AT EAST BRADFORD PARK – Ms. Bausinger said that the back stop net needs to be reinstalled on the Big League Field for spring and the net on the Little League Field needs to be moved from the inside of the backstop to the outside. Also, the tennis court wind screens need to be reinstalled for spring. Mr. Carroll stated that someone had gained access to the restrooms since they have been closed for the winter and made a mess in the facilities.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT EAST BRADFORD PARK – Ms. Bausinger stated that the playground equipment at East Bradford Park is now 16 years old and they should start budgeting for its replacement in a few years. With the new styles of playground equipment available, some new smaller items could be budgeted for before all the equipment is replaced. Mr. Carroll recommended replacing the woodchips presently used in the play area by a new solid surface material.

COPELAND SCHOOL PARK SIGN – Ms. Bausinger suggested that a new digital sign should be considered at the park to announce special events and notices as the current sign is very limited in space for posting notices.

SITE VISITS – The P & R Board members were reminded to visit their assigned parks to see if any maintenance needs to be done before spring.

ADJOURN:

On motion of Mr. Blanco and second by Mr. Fidler, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016 AT 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Tenley F. Adams
Acting Secretary**

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