

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
July 27, 2016 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, July 27, 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
Ash Swayne

Tony Blanco
Joe Hamel

Michael Colley
John Spangler

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT - None

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT

Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant, P & R Liaison, Acting Secretary
Mandie Cantlin – Assistant Township Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Senthil Vel, Eagle Scout Candidate

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 May 25, 2016 minutes was motioned by Mr. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Blanco, with all in favor. (No meeting in June)

EAGLE SCOUT PROPOSAL

Eagle Scout candidate, Senthil Vel was present to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout and Hornaday Award projects of building and installing Wood Duck and Blue Bird boxes at several of the park/open spaces. The 18 Blue Bird boxes and 6 Wood Duck boxes would be constructed of cedar with predator deterrents. The installations, taking place in October 2016, would be at appropriate locations at Shaw's Bridge Park, Sugar's Bridge Nature Area, Paradise Valley Nature Area and Star Farm Park. The board agreed that the proposed project met the award requirements. Mr. Hamel will serve as contact for the project.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATES

Kiosk – Gavin Linn – Mr. Linn's project is to install an information/park rules kiosk at East Bradford park similar to the existing kiosk. It will be located near the path entering the main part of the park.

It was suggested that a future Eagle Scout Project could be an additional kiosk at East Bradford Park at the trail entrance by the tennis courts since a lot of people enter the park at that location.

Shaw's Bridge Park Repairs – Noah Wood – The project has been completed with the installation of the new railing at the north steps and the cleaning and sanding of the park benches and picnic tables.

UPDATES:

Ms. Cantlin updated the P & R Board on some of the ongoing items:

CHAPEL TRAIL – Preparation work on the site is moving forward. The anticipated date of the project will be the first weekend in October.

BRANDYWINE FARM SOUTH / Dog Park – The dog park continues to move forward at a slow pace with PennDOT making changes to the permitted location of the driveway entrance. It is hopeful that the parking area can be created in the summer of 2017 with more of the park completed if budgeted.

BRANDYWINE FARM NORTH – The northern section of the farm will be appraised and lots to be either sold at auction or to the highest bidder.

HARRY WAITE NATURE AREA – Mr. Spangler, Ms. Cantlin and Mr. McGaughey (EBT PW) worked with a youth group from Grove United Methodist Church to open up the trail at Harry Waite that was very overgrown. Mr. Spangler suggested that a loop trail be cleared and youth trail bikers be allowed to use the trail to learn how to trail bike and to help keep the trail open. It was also suggested that the parking area be increased some in size and clear boundary signage be installed.

On Motion of Mr. Spangler and second by Mr. Hamel, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends that the township improve the parking area, create a loop trail that can be used by youth mountain bikers and provide clear property boundary signage.

M. JOHN JOHNSON NATURE CENTER – Eagle Scout Candidate Ryan Williams is currently working to create a connector trail from the top of the hill on Skelp Level Road to the Brandywine Trail near the parking area at Skelp Level Road. Mr. Spangler and Mr. Perna have been assisting him with the project.

VOLLEY BALL COURT, EAST BRADFORD PARK – Ms. Cantlin said that the Public Works Department has this on its schedule for the fall. Ms. Bausinger mentioned that some concerns had been raised about the underground electric location for the parking lot lights and the exact location will have to be investigated.

MT. BRADFORD PRESERVE – The meadow area has been cleared and now restoration with selective planting will take place. The parking area may be installed in 2017.

AED/FIRST AID INFO – Ms. Bausinger reported that the township had been contacted by a company who does training for AED's and first aid and also sells the AED units. Mrs. Adams contacted other municipalities and only one has AED's in parks available to the general public. Everyone else said that they have first aid available at events only. The P & R Board did not recommend installation in the parks because of concerns for the damage that could be done to the units and the cost of replacement. It is noted that the township building, Copeland School and public works garage do have units available and the West Chester Police Department has them in their vehicles.

OTHER BUSINESS

PARK RULES- Mrs. Adams reported that the Park Rules Ordinance has been completed with all the recommended changes and had been distributed prior to the meeting. On Motion of Mr.

Blanco and second by Mr. Swayne with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends to the Board of Supervisor's that the Park Rules Ordinance be adopted.

M. JOHN JOHNSON NATURE CENTER – it was suggested that the post and rail fencing at the parking area be removed and cement parking blocks be installed, this would allow for additional room in the parking area which is very tight because of the fence and the lot itself.

PARADISE VALLEY NATURE AREA – It was suggested that one of the picnic tables that is located on the south section of the Brandywine Trail be moved to Paradise Valley Nature Area and anchored well so that it doesn't wash away in a flood. It was noted that many people like to eat lunch at this location and this would provide a location for them to sit and enjoy the area.

2017 BUDGET

Ms. Bausinger reminded members to take a look at their assigned areas to see if items need to be budgeted for 2017. Ms. Bausinger offered that the playground area at East Bradford Park could use some updated equipment and Mrs. Adams provided some suggestions that were provided by the company that did the original plans for those areas. After review, the P & R Board suggested that \$5000 be added to the 2017 budget for the addition of a stand-alone fixture at the youth lot. It was also suggested that the panel on the tot lot, which is broken and represents a safety hazard, be replace in 2016, if the budget allows, with a wire panel. Cost estimated at \$500.

SCONNELLTOWN PARK – The NPDES Permit for this park expires in 2017. The P& R Board discussed the property extensively and made the following motion: on Motion of Mr. Spangler and second by Mr. Fidler with all in favor, it is recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the Sconnelltown Park property be sold and the funds be used for other parks.

PICKLEBALL CLINICS – Mr. Blanco stated that he will be holding additional pickleball clinics in the fall. It was suggested that they could be advertised at the YMCA and other locations that have tennis courts.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The P & R Board discussed an email that was forward to them from the general township email box from someone (no name included, just an email address) who was complaining about what they felt were improper uses at Shaw's Bridge Park. The P & R Board felt that the person should contact the police department when they see issues so that they can check out the issues while they are happening. This will be transmitted to the email address from where the message was sent.

UPCOMING:

Bike the Brandywine – The Brandywine Conservancy bike ride is scheduled for September 17, 2016. Two different rides are offered, an 80 mile and a 40 mile. Registration is open at <http://www.brandywine.org/conservancy/events/bike-brandwine>.

ADJOURN:

On motion of Mr. Colley and second by Mr. Swayne, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, August 24, 2016 AT 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tenley F. Adams
Acting Secretary