

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
September 28, 2016 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, September 28, 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
Ash Swayne

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: John Spangler

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant, P & R Liaison, Acting Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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 July 27, 2016 minutes was motioned by Mr. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Swayne, with all in favor. (No meeting in August)

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATES

East Bradford Park Kiosk – Gavin Linn – Mr. Linn's project is underway and he is hoping to install on the weekend of October 1- 2, 2016. Mr. Colley is going to provide the shingles and will deliver them to the township building.

Two other possible Eagle Scout Projects are: a dry walking area to the birding platform at Shaw's Bridge Park and a kiosk at Copeland School Park. Two scouts have shown interest in these projects and may come to the P & R Board in the near future.

EAST BRADFORD PARK STREET SIGN

The P & R Board commented that they had noticed the new signs that were installed along Copeland School Road directing people where to turn for East Bradford Park. Mr. Blanco motioned and Mr. Hamel seconded, with all in favor that they would also like to see an East Bradford Park sign with an arrow mounted on top of the Kenmara Drive sign.

UPDATES

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

Chapel Trail Bridge – Installation is scheduled for the first week of October, weather permitting. Work could take a week depending on how the construction progresses. Mr. Colley commented that the aluminum I beam supports have been delivered.

Brandywine Farm Dog Park – The dog park project continues to move slowly.

East Bradford Park - The volley ball fence has been moved so that it is now along the parking area frontage. The tot lot panel that was coming apart has been replaced with a new panel and the cracked post on the youth lot will be replaced with a new post.

M. John Johnson Nature Center – Eagle Scout Candidate Ryan Williams has completed the new connector trail from the top of Skelp Level Road down to the paved trail, allowing people to access the paved trail without walking down the large hill on Skelp Level Road.

Mt. Bradford Preserve – Meadow restoration work is continuing.

Shaw's Bridge Park – The doors on the rest room facilities will be replaced so that the facility can be reopened and used. The replacement should take place in the next 30 days.

2017 BUDGET

Ms. Bausinger discussed items for possible inclusion in the 2017 budget. General maintenance items for the park are being included by the Public Works Director (fertilizer, seed, etc). It was noted that the tennis windscreen on the north side of the tennis courts is ripped and should be replaced in 2017 and this may have already been included in the budget by the Public Work Director. Additionally as discussed at the July meeting and on motion of Mr. Fidler and second by Mr. Hamel, the Park and Recreation Board recommends that \$5000 be included in the 2017 budget for East Bradford Park for a new freestanding climbing unit to be included on the youth playground, in place of the tire swing. The P & R Board also discussed the possibility of a tennis practice board that was requested by a resident. At this time they are not recommending a tennis practice board as it takes up an entire court when in use.

PICKLEBALL CLINICS – Mr. Blanco stated that he will be holding another pickleball clinic on October 22nd from 10 to 12 noon, with pre-registration required as the minimum number attending will be 4 people. It was suggested that it could be advertised at the YMCA and other locations that have tennis courts, along with signs at the park kiosks and posted on the township Facebook page and website.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Colley stated that another sink hole has formed in West Valley Creek causing the creek to dry up in the vicinity of Clover Mill Road. If it wasn't for the quarry pumping water into the creek the section that goes through East Bradford Township would be dry. He believes it is being investigated by the PA DEP and Fish & Board Commission.

Mr. Blanco wondered if a sign-up page could be created for people looking for tennis and pickleball partners. The page would allow people to meet people looking to play the sports but don't have partners. This will be investigated further.

UPCOMING:

Fall Nature Walk – Mt. Bradford Preserve, Sunday October 30th (rain date Sunday, November 6th) more information will be posted on the website and Facebook along with the sign-up sheet.

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Colley and second by Mr. Fidler, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016 AT 7:00 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Tenley F. Adams
Acting Secretary**