

**East Bradford Township
Trails Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2023**

The East Bradford Township Trails Committee convened on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 12:00 noon in the Township Building at 676 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380. The agenda was posted on the website (www.eastbradford.org) prior to the meeting and on the outdoor bulletin board at the Township Building.

Committee members present:

Linda Barchet, Maria Kenny, Chair., Betsey Mehl, Jacob Singer, Vice -Chair, Rebecca Smith, John Spangler

Committee members absent:

Andrew Schaum, Jane Scriptunas, Jim Wakefield

Staff/Professionals present:

Rich Phifer, Director of Property & Recreation
Tenley Adams, Secretary

Others in attendance: none

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the February 23, 2023 meeting was motioned by Mr. Spangler. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer, with all in favor.

PLUM RUN TRAIL GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT – PA DCNR C2P2

Mr. Phifer said that he was looking for support from both the P & R Board and Trails Committee to submit the DCNR C2P2 grant for the Plum Run Trail. The grant submittal deadline is April 5, 2023 and the Township is applying for \$500,000. The Grant will be used for construction of the Plum Run Trail and associated infrastructure.

On motion of Mr. Spangler and seconded by Ms. Barchet, it is recommended that Chairperson Kenny sign the letter of support for the PA DCNR C2P2 grant for construction of the Plum Run Trail. All members were in favor of the motion.

STARR FARM PARK TRAIL & PARKING CONCEPTS

Mr. Phifer presented a new concept plan for the parking lot at Starr Farm Park. He said the Township Engineer had expanded the existing lot northward towards Harmony Hill Road, creating space for 30 regular parking stalls. The lot would still have two entrances on Skelp Level Road. It also allows for trailer/small bus parking that would go around the outer edge of the parking lot towards the east. He said that he had presented the parking lot and pedestrian road crossing concepts to the Traffic Committee at its March meeting and they were supportive of the parking lot and pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Harmony Hill Road and Skelp Level Road. They did not want a pedestrian crossing mid-block on Skelp Level Road as they do not feel that it would be safe to cross midblock due to traffic speeds and other considerations. They wanted to wait and see how much usage the trails receive once the west side of the road is opened up.

The Trails Committee believes that other mid-block crossings in the Township are working safely (Hogs Hollow – on Skelp Level, Brandywine Trail – on Harmony Hill, the Golden Ram Trail crossing on Tigue Road) and with additional signage the crossing would be safer than without having any crossing at all. The Trails Committee was in agreement that it should be installed before a problem happens.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Mehl asked about the Brandywine Water Trail and the Brandywine Trail studies and if either document speaks to public trespassing on private lands and agricultural lands. Mr. Phifer said that he knows that no one wants trespassing on private lands and that additional signage may be necessary to inform people who are using the trails that they are traveling through private lands.

ADJOURN: On motion of Ms. Kenny, seconded by Mr. Singer, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm with all in favor.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Trails Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2023, at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary

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