

# East Bradford Township Plum Run Task Force Meeting Minutes October 11, 2018

The 3rd Meeting of the East Bradford Township Plum Run Task Force was held on October 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the McCardle Meeting Room of the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, PA 19380-1822.

## **Task Force members present:**

Ms. Kathryn Deaville (Planning Commission)  
Ms. Elizabeth Bertheaud (Historical Commission)  
P. Andrew Schaum, Esq. (Trails Committee)  
Mr. Ken Cavanaugh (Traffic Committee)  
Mr. John Spangler (Parks & Recreation Board)  
Ms. Sheila Fleming (Brandywine Conservancy)  
Mr. Bob Struble (Brandywine Red Clay Alliance)  
Mr. Jim Haigney (Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission)  
Mr. Mark W. Hoopes (Strode's Barn Study Committee)  
Ms. Jeannine Speirs (Chester County Planning Commission – Grant Management) [Non-Voting]

## **Task Force members absent:**

Vincent M. Pompo, Esq. (Supervisor), Chairman

## **Staff/Professionals present:**

Rich Phifer, Director of Property & Recreation, Task Force Main Contact  
Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant, Task Force Secretary  
Jim Laird, Laird Recreation & Land Planning, LLC., Project Manager  
Colleen Meiswich, A. D. Marble

## **Others in attendance:**

2 people from the general public: Mr. Paul Davidson & Mr. Josh Lasensky from Chesterdale Farm Lane.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Cavanaugh motioned to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2018 meeting, Ms. Bertheaud seconded the motion with all in favor.

## **PLUM RUN DRAFT MAPS REVIEW**

Mr. Phifer reviewed the Draft Maps with the Task Force members. Four maps have been created to show the Plum Run Corridor; one map shows the entire Corridor area that is under review, the additional maps break the area into three sections – East, Central & West sections.

The following suggestions were made:

It was suggested that the trails shown on the East Section map should be coded – color or number – so that they can be distinguished during the public review.

Parking areas – Mr. Schaum motioned that the four parking areas shown on the draft maps should be labeled as “Options” in the Map Legend and that an additional parking area should be shown on the west side of Birmingham Road across from Riflery Drive, the motion was seconded by Mr. Struble and passed with all in favor.

A connector trail along the sewer line easement that would connect the east and west tracts owned by East Bradford Township was discussed. Upon further review it was decided not to add this trail to the map but to potentially address its feasibility and benefit in the final written master plan.

The main trail segment that follows Tigue Road and traverses Darlington Ridge, with the intention to connect to the Strode's Barn, should be treated uniformly, meaning consistent surface treatment (asphalt paved) and width (8-foot wide).

The courtyard of the Strode Barn can function as an Outdoor Heritage Center and can feature interpretive panels that address the local culture, history and natural resources, functioning also as a heritage gateway for the Brandywine Battlefield experience.

The Task Force addressed options and concepts for restoring the exterior façade of the Strode's Barn, adaptive re-use of the interiors, and replication of the recognizable logo/sign of the former Strode's Sausage and Scrapple factory. These will be important components of the project where public input is solicited.

### **FORMAT OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Task Force intends for there to be a semi-formal, 15-minute presentation in the middle of the public open house meeting to provide an overview of the project and its purpose to those who are present. Individual stations showing maps, trails, interpretative panels will be set up in order to engage the public and discuss individual concepts interpersonally with participants.

Handouts with information and that allow for comments should be provided to the attendees. All comments should be anonymous. They should also have the ability to mail in the comments or supply them online.

Some of the suggested questions:

Who is the user and how would you use the park.

Questions on the Heritage Area should be included, as to what should be on the panels.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Davidson and Mr. Lasensky of the Chesterdale Farm subdivision asked where the trail is to go from here. Mr. Phifer explained that ultimately the trail would continue south to the Brandywine and connect to the Brandywine Creek Greenway trail system. The current goal is the master plan for the approximate 1-mile section shown on the maps and it would probably be several years before planning would occur on the next segment of the corridor.

Ms. Speirs announced that the Marshallton Heritage Center will have its Grand Opening on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Everyone is invited to attend.

On motion of Mr. Schaum and seconded by Ms. Bertheaud with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

### **Upcoming Task Force meetings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting – Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Task Force Meeting #4 – Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting – Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Task Force Meeting #5 – Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting – TBD**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tenley F. Adams  
Secretary