

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
January 26, 2022 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board convened on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the township building, 676 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380. The agenda was posted on the front door of the township building and on the Township website at <https://www.eastbradford.org> as required by the Sunshine Law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marianne Bausinger, Mark Beaugard, Michael Colley, John Fidler (Chair), Harry Hatzipavlidis (Vice Chair), Matt Maturani, Judy Suska

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Spangler

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

Rich Phifer, Directory of Property & Recreation
Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant, Secretary
Mandie Cantlin, Township Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Connor Orkin, Eagle Scout candidate
Mr. & Mrs. Orkin
Hunter Whitten, Eagle Scout candidate
Mr. Whitten
Mrs. Barchet

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fidler.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

2022 RE-ORGANIZATION

The Parks & Recreation Board re-organized for 2022 with the election of Chair and Vice-Chair. On motion of Mr. Hatzipavlidis and seconded by Ms. Bausinger, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board appointed John Fidler as Chair for 2022. On motion of Ms. Bausinger and seconded by Mr. Maturani, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board appointed Harry Hatzipavlidis as Vice-Chair for 2022.

Mr. Phifer noted that meetings will continue to be on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except November which will be the 3rd Wednesday (11/16/22) and December which will be the 3rd Wednesday (12/21/22) at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting took place as Ms. Bausinger motioned to approve the minutes as written, the motion being seconded by Mr. Maturani, and carrying with all in favor. No meeting was held in December.

EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATES PRESENTATIONS

Eagle Scout Candidate Connor Orkin proposes to lead a tree planting along the Plum Run at the Birmingham Road Tract. He would plant 175 tree seedlings, prune and remove invasives that are in the area, and clean up trash along the stream. Trees would be varieties that grow well in wet areas including Black Gum, Red Maple, Sycamore, River Birch and Swamp White Oak. Mr. Orkin plans to hold the tree planting in late April or early May depending on the weather. Ms. Bausinger noted that Penn State Master Watershed may have trees to donate. She will give Mr. Orkin the information. On motion of Ms. Bausinger and seconded by Dr. Beaugard, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board recommended that the project be approved.

Eagle Scout Candidate Hunter Whitten proposes to build a kiosk at the Plum Run Preserve next to the parking lot on Tigue Road. The kiosk would be of the same construction as the one at Mt. Bradford Preserve. Mr. Whitten would supply the necessary materials for the construction of the kiosk and the Township will provide the bulletin board case. He anticipates the kiosk being completed by mid-March. On motion of Ms. Bausinger and seconded by Dr. Beaugard, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board recommended that the project be approved.

PLUM RUN PRESERVE

Mr. Phifer reviewed updated draft plans of the Plum Run Trail and outdoor heritage center. A public Open House has been scheduled for February 24, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Township Building so that the general public can review the plans for the park facility.

Mr. Hatzipavlidis inquired about the trail usage along Tigue Road and the number of trail crossings of Tigue Road. Mr. Phifer said that there will be three midblock crossings on Tigue Road and that all will have signage and on-road markings to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

SHAW'S BRIDGE PARK

Mr. Phifer reviewed the final plans that have been developed by Carroll Engineering for the canoe launch at Shaw's Bridge Park. He said that the Township has submitted its permit application for this project to the DEP and that he hopes that the launch can be installed by around June 2022.

Mr. Phifer said that he expects to pursue the removal of the permanent restrooms at the park and expand the parking lot into that area. He anticipates the work will happen this summer with it being done by the Public Works Department.

The West Chester Sunrise Rotary is volunteering to plant 230 additional seedlings at Shaw's Bridge Park in April during Earth Day weekend. They will infill some of the areas where trees are missing along the creek to better establish the riparian buffer.

JEFFERIS FORD NATURE AREA

Mr. Phifer showed the Board a draft of the interpretative panel to be placed at the Nature Area depicting some of the history of the area. The panel will be a low profile, flat panel approximately 36" high x 60" wide.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Mr. Phifer said that he would like to continue with the Thursday evening concert series starting in June and have a concert every other week, ending in August. Numerous bands have been in contact wanting to play at East Bradford Park. Several members suggested having an ice cream or gelato truck at the concerts so that attendees can buy a treat.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Dr. Beaugard commented that he would like to see pickleball nets that are on wheels that can just be wheeled to the side of the courts at East Bradford Park when not in use. Ms. Bausinger raised concerns about the nets being damaged if they are left out. She also noted that she plays three times a week and most people are bringing their own nets.

Mr. Fidler commented that he noticed the Brandywine Trail is being plowed after snow events. Mr. Phifer said that West Bradford Township has agreed to voluntarily plow the entire length of the trail this winter season.

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Mr. Fidler, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary

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