

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

The East Bradford Township Trails Committee convened on Thursday, February 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:

Betsey Mehl, Andrew Schaum, Jacob Singer, Vice -Chair, Rebecca Smith, John Spangler

Committee members absent:

Linda Barchet, Maria Kenny, Chair., Jim Wakefield, Jane Scriptunas

Staff/Professionals present:

Rich Phifer, Director of Property & Recreation
Mark Lucas, Township Engineer
Mandie Cantlin, Township Manager
Tenley Adams, Secretary
John Snook, Supervisor Liaison

Others in attendance:

Don Knabb

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Mr. Singer, Vice-Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting was motioned by Mr. Spangler. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaum, with all in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPERTY STEWARD

Mr. Phifer introduced Ryan Staiber who has been hired to fill the new position of Property Steward. Mr. Staiber started January 30th and is starting to get to know the parks and open spaces. The Trails Committee introduced themselves to Mr. Staiber and looks forward to working with him.

STARR FARM PARK TRAIL & PARKING CONCEPTS

Mr. Phifer reviewed the draft site plan with the locations of the trails based on the site walk with the Trails Committee. The TC was fine with the locations of the trails but would like to see a mid-block crossing along with the crossing at the intersection of Harmony Hill Road. Some type of crossing signage, delineation or lights would be helpful to make the crossing safer. Mr. Phifer said that the Traffic Committee would have to review any proposed mid-block crossing of Skelp Level Road. The site plan showing an expanded parking area with horse trailer parking was discussed. The question was raised as to how much usage the trails would get by equestrians and whether horse trailer parking is needed. Mr. Singer & Ms. Mehl said that horse trailers can park on grass as long as it is solid.

Expansion of the parking will be needed with the addition of more trails on both sides of the road. Ms. Smith said that the dog walkers are in and out fairly quickly, but the cross-country runners who use the trail system are often there for an hour and a half or more. The current parking lot often overflows with the runners there. Mr. Lucas said that he would revise the parking lot concept plans in time for the next meeting.

2023 TRAIL BLAZER RUN / PLUM RUN TRAIL / STODE'S BARN FUNDRAISING

Mr. Phifer said that he is putting together a Resolution to be signed by the Board of Supervisors that dedicates the monies raised by the 2023 Trail Blazer Run to the Plum Run Trail and Strode's Barn restoration project. This will help with the fundraising necessary to complete the work at those locations and he was hopeful that the Trails Committee would endorse the Resolution. The Trails Committee affirmatively endorsed the Resolution.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – None

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Schaum, seconded by Mr. Singer, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm with all in favor.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Trails Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary

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