

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
March 22, 2023 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board convened on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 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, Harry Hatzipavlidis, Matt Maturani, John Spangler

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Fidler

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

Rich Phifer, Director of Property & Recreation
Tenley Adams, Secretary
Pat Davis, Supervisor Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bausinger mentioned that one line was missing a word. Mr. Phifer said he would make that correction. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2023, meeting was made by Ms. Bausinger. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Hatzipavlidis and carrying 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 project. The Grant submittal deadline is April 5, 2023. The Grant will be used for construction of the Plum Run Trail and accessory infrastructure. On motion of Ms. Bausinger and seconded by Dr. Beaugard, it is recommended that Chairman Hatzipavlidis 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.

AUTUMNFEST SEPCIAL PERMISSION REQUEST

Mr. Phifer said that he has been planning the AutumnFest event and has lined up Buddy's Burgers and Brother's food trucks for the event. He has also secured vendors for the beer/wine garden. Since the park rules do not allow for alcohol to be in the park, he would like the P & R Board to request special permission from the Board of Supervisors to allow it to be sold and served. On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Ms. Bausinger, the Parks & Recreation Board requests special permission from the Board of Supervisors to sell and serve alcohol at the AutumnFest at East Bradford Park. All members were in favor of the motion. Mr. Phifer said that he is also planning an art raffle (with proceeds to go towards the Plum Run Trail Project), native tree give-a-way, pumpkins patch, and possibly other events like a carved pumpkin contest.

STARR FARM PARK TRAILS & PARKING CONCEPTS

Mr. Phifer said that the Township Engineer had created a new parking lot concept that expanded the existing lot northward towards Harmony Hill Road but still had 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. Mr. Hatzipavlidis asked if the trailer/bus parking could be converted back to field grass space if it wasn't used. Mr. Phifer said that it would be possible and that the concept has taken that into account.

Mr. Phifer had presented the parking lot concept to the Traffic Committee at the March meeting for review and they were ok with the concept. He also presented the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Skelp Level Road and Harmony Hill Road which they agreed with, and the mid-block crossing of Skelp Level Road which they did not like. The Traffic Committee does not want a delineated mid-block crossing as they feel pedestrians would not watch for oncoming traffic if it is in place, and it would be more dangerous. They would like to wait and see how much use the park gets and if a mid-block crossing is warranted. Mr. Hatzipavlidis said that without the mid-block crossing he does not believe the trails will get as much use by the equestrian community and the loop trail of the entire property would not work as well. The Parks & Recreation Board unanimously reiterated the need for the mid-block crossing.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Colley commented on the nice mowing job that Public Works did at Paradise Valley Nature Area.

ADJOURN: On motion of Ms. Bausinger and seconded by Mr. Colley, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary

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