

**East Bradford Township
Trails Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2022**

The East Bradford Township Trails Committee convened on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the Township Building, 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 front door at the Township Building.

Committee members present:

Sheila Fleming, Chairperson, Linda Barchet, Maria Kenny, Andrew Schaum, Jane Scriptunas, Jacob Singer, Rebecca Smith, John Spangler, Jim Wakefield

Committee members absent:

Betsey Mehl

Staff/Professionals present:

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

Others in attendance:

Don Knabb, resident

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the March 24, 2022, meeting.

Mr. Schaum made a motion to approve the March 24, 2022, minutes, the motion seconded by Ms. Fleming, with all in favor.

BRANDYWINE CREEK WATER TRAIL

Mr. Phifer reviewed the sign system drafts for the Water Trail with the Trails Committee. They were created by MERJE who incorporated earth tones so that the signs blend with the landscape. The Trails Committee felt that the signage will be of value for those using the water trail.

STARR FARM PARK

Mr. Phifer said that the Board of Supervisors reviewed the suggested layout and trail usage for Starr Farm. They are fine with the layout and would like to see the trail oriented towards walking, hiking and equestrian uses at this time. The existing parking area will be expanded to allow for horse trailer parking.

Marking out of the meadow trails will be done in mid-May so that they can be mown in prior to July.

PLUM RUN TRAIL

Mr. Phifer said that the Board of Supervisors has requested that the Strode's sign/logo be painted on the inside wall of the Heritage Center instead of as a separate sign on the outside wall. Mr. Phifer reviewed the final elements of the parking area and the trail with the Trails Committee, a portion of which goes through the floodplain. Mr. Schaum raised concerns about the trail and parking area being in the floodplain and recommends that the parking area either be redesigned to be smaller or removed, and additional areas be explored for parking. He said that water runoff is an issue in that area already and causes flooding of Birmingham Road. After discussion, Mr. Schaum made a motion that the Trail Committee is not in favor of the current plan of the parking area and would like to see a redesign to have less impervious coverage and investigate additional parking locations in the Strode's Village. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spangler, with all in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Phifer noted that the trails at Shaw's Bridge Park will be repaired to level out the areas that were washed out from the hurricane last fall.

Mr. Phifer said that they will be reviewing the applicants for the summer monitoring position in the beginning of May.

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Ms. Fleming, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm with all in favor.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Trails Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary