

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
May 24, 2023 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board convened on Wednesday, May 24, 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, Michael Colley, John Fidler, Harry Hatzipavlidis, Matt Maturani

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Beaugard, John Spangler

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Luke Piccola, Eagle Scout Candidate
Mr. Piccola
Nathaniel Olmstead, Eagle Scout Candidate
Mr. & Mrs. Olmstead

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2023, meeting was made by Ms. Bausinger. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Colley and carrying with all in favor. (No meeting was held in April)

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Eagle Scout Candidate Luke Piccola presented his proposed project to the Parks & Recreation Board. He would like to remove the existing bicycle repair station at Harmony Hill Nature Area (Skelp Level Road parking lot) that is not in working order and install a commercial-grade Dero bicycle repair station. The station would include an air pump, tools, and bicycle rack. He is going to create a Go Fund Me account and ask for donations for the station from bicycle clubs and those who use the Nature Area trails. He anticipates the installation being complete by the end of July. The P& R Board thought this was an excellent idea and would like to see the station in the powder coat red color that is offered so that it is noticeable to the bicyclists using the trails.

Eagle Scout Candidate Nathaniel Olmstead presented his proposed project to the Parks & Recreation Board. He would like to blaze an approximately 1-mile loop trail that will connect the Alt White Trail at Sugar's Bridge Nature Area to the west field at Starr Farm Park. He would clear the trail area, paint blazes, and install directional posts. He anticipates his project to be completed by the end of July.

On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Ms. Bausinger with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends that both of the projects proposed by Eagle Scout Candidate Luke Piccola and Eagle Scout Candidate Nathaniel Olmstead be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

SUBDIVISION LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

SD# 657 – Land Development Plan for the Holy Ascension Church at 558 Highland Road
The Parks & Recreation Board had no comments on this plan.

SD# 656 – Subdivision of a 4-acre lot into two lots at 940 Hillsdale Road.
The Parks & Recreation Board had no comments on this plan.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE TOOLS

The Environmental Advisory Committee recommends some on-line sites that have information regarding heat safety and Lyme's Disease and would like to see information posted in the kiosks at the parks. The P & R Board said that the kiosks are very limited as to how much information can be posted and they recommend the information be placed in the newsletter as it is distributed to all Township residents.

PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Phifer updated the P& R Board on some of the upcoming projects:

Starr Farm Park Pedestrian Road Crossings – The Board of Supervisors agreed that two crossings on Skelp Level Road would be beneficial, one crossing would be at the intersection of Skelp Level Road and Harmony Hill Road and the other would be at the driveway entrance to the Township's pole barn. Part of the bank on the west side of the road will need to be shaved down for better site distance. Mr. Phifer wants the crossings to be delineated prior to the new trails around the field being mowed. He is hopeful that everything will be completed by the end of July so that it coincides with the new wooded loop trail being completed by Eagle Scout candidate Nathaniel Olmstead.

Copeland School Park – the parking lot is to be repaved this summer and new parking blocks will be installed. The work will be completed at the same time as the road paving and was included as part of the bid. The Public Works Department has recommended black rubber parking blocks with white accents and the Parks & Rec Board approved the use of these rubber parking blocks.

TENLEY ADAMS RETIREMENT

After 33 years of service, Tenley Adams is retiring from East Bradford Township where she has been helping the Parks & Recreation Board for many years with different aspects of running and managing the parks. Mr. Phifer talked about everything she has done over the years and the Parks & Recreation Board wishes her all the best in her retirement. Mrs. Adams thanked them for the well wishes and said that working with the parks and trails was one of the more enjoyable roles she had while working for the Township and will miss that the most.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN: On motion of Ms. Bausinger and seconded by Mr. Colley, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary