

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
June 22, 2022 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board convened on Wednesday, June 22, 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, John Spangler, Judy Suska

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2022, meeting, as written, was made by Ms. Bausinger, the motion being seconded by Mr. Spangler, and carrying with all in favor. No meeting was held in May.

PARK EVENT TABLING POLICY

Mr. Phifer said that the Tabling Policy has been adopted and is in place for any of the events that take place this summer. Third party tables are limited to those that are directly related to the event, but it still allows for someone to walk around and hand out information during the event.

SHAW'S BRIDGE PARK CANOE LAUNCH

Eagle Scout candidate Adam Pontzer completed the installation of the new canoe launch information kiosk at Shaw's Bridge Park. It is anticipated that the launch will be installed by Public Works later this summer.

COPELAND SCHOOL PARK BASKETBALL COURT RESURFACING

Mr. Phifer reported that the basketball court is to be resurfaced this summer along with new baskets and backboards. The P & R Board had no objection to using the same colors on the surfacing (red & green) and they would like the 3-point line to be where the high school line is located.

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

In November 2021, Chester County adopted a Complete Streets Policy, which is intended to establish a vision where "roadways in Chester County will meet the mobility needs of all users and provide for all appropriate modes of transportation with an emphasis on safety, equity, and environmental responsibility."

The Policy "provides guidance for how streets may be planned, designed, retrofitted, and maintained to facilitate travel in a safe, convenient, and comfortable manner for all users regardless of their transportation mode. A complete street is more than adding facilities to accommodate pedestrians.

Complete streets in Chester County represent an updated method of thinking about how our roadway corridors are utilized.”

The County is now asking municipalities to adopt the same (or similar) policy to strengthen the policy's implementation county-wide. The Supervisors had asked for feedback from all the Boards and Committees as they will consider this in July.

The P & R Board has concerns about trying to retrofit existing streets/roads to meet the intent of the policy and imposing additional costs on residents, either directly or indirectly. Mr. Phifer said he will forward their comments on to the Supervisors.

Mr. Phifer mentioned the Supervisors are considering making Valley Creek Road one-way from Rt. 322 to Harmony Hill Road because of the road deterioration along that stretch. It was suggested that the section from Rt. 322 to Shenton Road be one way and the other portions of the road that have issues be one lane with stop signs/lights on each side. Mr. Spangler said that many road bikers use Valley Creek Road in both directions so that they are not riding on Rt. 322, and he was hopeful that they could continue to use the road both ways.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Phifer presented the subdivision plan SD#654 located on Guthrie Road, for comment. The two-lot subdivision does not present any recreational opportunities. There were no comments.

Shaw's Bridge Park – Mr. Phifer commented that things are going well with our summer weekend park monitor. He is there each weekend making sure that people are being compliant; parking remains a challenging issue. Mr. Hatzipavlidis asked when the restrooms were being removed so that the parking area can be enlarged. Mr. Phifer said that it is on the Public Works list of things to be done later this year.

Ms. Bausinger commented that the one tennis court net needs a strap at East Bradford Park. Also, the park is starting to show its age. Benches, tables and trash cans are getting rusty, playground equipment is starting to look aged and faded.

Mr. Phifer said that Starr Farm Park has the new trail system cut through the meadow and woods. He is hoping to get the trails mowed every other week. The subdivision plan for the farm is being finalized and he is hopeful that it will start to be marketed in August.

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Dr. Beaugard, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary