

**East Bradford Township  
Trails Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2022**

The East Bradford Township Trails Committee convened on Thursday, June 23, 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](http://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, Betsey Mehl, Andrew Schaum, Jane Scriptunas, Jacob Singer, Rebecca Smith, John Spangler, Jim Wakefield

**Committee members absent: None**

**Staff/Professionals present:**

Rich Phifer, Director of Property & Recreation  
Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant, Secretary  
John Snook, Supervisor Liaison

**Others in attendance: None**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Mr. Wakefield made a motion to approve the April 28, 2022, meeting minutes, the motion seconded by Ms. Kenny, with all in favor. There was no meeting in May.

**MERCER'S MILL TRAIL**

Mr. Phifer reported that the Board of Supervisors had reviewed the trail alignment concept elevated by the Trails Committee for the 1<sup>st</sup> West Chester Fire Company property connection into the Mercer's Mill Townhouse Community and were in agreement with the proposed link to West Miner Street, but they would also prefer to see a trail connection to Meadow Lane. Ms. Scriptunas said that while she is no longer on the Mercer's Mill HOA Board, she can pass that information along to them and solicit their receptiveness to that addition.

**STARR FARM TRAILS**

Mr. Phifer reported that the new meadow trails have been roughly mowed in on the east side of Skelp Level Road and he is hopeful that they will be mowed bi-weekly going forward. There is a wet area problematic to one section of the meadow trail due to a clogged pipe near the old Greystone Drive roadbed. After consulting with the Township Engineer and Public Works Department, Mr. Phifer reports that the installation of a new, larger pipe in place of the old clogged pipe should solve this issue and that it would be done by Public Works as soon as time permits in their schedule. The woodland trails have been completed. The field areas are growing well with native grasses. Blanket spraying is no longer allowed except if an invasive plant outbreak occurs or in the event that some other public health hazard emerges.

Ms. Fleming commented that the original Starr Farm Park fields are looking very beautiful and are an excellent area to view different species of birds.

Mr. Phifer said that he has put together a preliminary stewardship plan for Starr Farm that is consistent with the other plans we currently have for the other nature areas.

**BRADFORD AVENUE PATHWAY / TRAIL**

Toll Brothers, as part of the West Chester Crossing development, must install a multi-use trail that connects with the Bradford Square trail and will continue around the community to the ACE Hardware property line on Strasburg Road. This is one component of a larger-vision initiative to improve walkability of the Bradford Avenue corridor that has been in the planning stages for a number of years. Mr. Spangler wondered when the committee will start back up again.

### **CHESTER COUNTY COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

The County's new Complete Streets 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." Concerns were raised about the cost to construct and maintain wider sidewalks, trails, and the other facilities that the policy speaks in favor of.

Ms. Fleming commented that the Bradford Avenue Corridor would be a great place for the Township to begin implementing the Complete Streets policy and that grants would possibly be available.

Mr. Spangler said that he thought the policy was well written and thought that the proposed Mt. Bradford Preserve bike path from W. Miner Street to Sconnettown Road fit well into the policy.

Mr. Spangler also mentioned that the Blue Rock Trail is in poor condition and needs some work along with the removal of brush that has been dumped by people along the trail. The Trail is technically owned by the adjoining property owners and there is nothing the Township can do to require maintenance or clean-up of the trail by the property owners.

### **TRAIL BLAZER RUN**

The Trails Committee thanked Mr. Phifer and Mrs. Adams for all the work they have done to make the Trail Blazer Run a success!

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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

**ADJOURN:** On motion of Mr. Wakefield, seconded by Mr. Spangler, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm with all in favor.

**NOTICE:** The next meeting of the Trails Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams  
Secretary