

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
July 27, 2022 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board convened on Wednesday, July 27, 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, Michael Colley, John Fidler (Chair), Harry Hatzipavlidis (Vice Chair), Matt Maturani, Judy Suska

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Beaugard, John Spangler

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 June 22, 2022, meeting, as written, was made by Ms. Bausinger, the motion being seconded by Mr. Colley, and carrying with all in favor.

COPELAND SCHOOL PARK BASKETBALL COURT REPAIRS

Mr. Phifer reported that he had received a COSTARS proposal from Miller Sports of West Chester, PA in the amount of \$36,420 to repair the basketball court at Copeland School Park. Miller Sports is a vendor on contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the cooperative purchasing program (COSTARS). As a member of the COSTARS program, the Township is leveraging the contract that the Department of General Services has established with Miller Sports in order to obtain savings and the best value for this project. No separate bidding process is necessary. He said that Miller Sports is recommending a blue / green surfacing color combination for the courts, along with glass backboards. On motion of Ms. Bausinger and second by Mr. Fidler with all in favor, it is recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the quote received from Miller Sports through the COSTARS program be accepted in the amount of \$36,420.

ONLINE FACILITY RESERVATION SYSTEM

Mr. Phifer has been working to ready the new online facility reservation system and wanted to see if the P & R Board would like to include the tennis/pickleball courts in the system. If so, the current ordinance for park rules would have to be modified. After discussion, the P & R Board said that they would like to continue to have the courts be first come first serve as it is in the current rules.

2023 PARK PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

Mr. Phifer presented a list of existing and potential projects for consideration in the 2023 budget. After review and discussion, the P & R Board recommended the following projects be included for prioritization in the 2023 budget: the Plum Run Trail and Strode's Barn & Heritage Center development project, the East Bradford Park playground and facilities renovation design, and the Starr Farm parking lot expansion and Starr Farm west tract trails installation.

FALL 2022 EVENT OPTIONS

Mr. Phifer discussed the possibility of some fall events with the P & R Board. The fall of 2021 Octoberfest went well, but the layout and capacity of East Bradford Park is not ideal for that size of event. Board members said that there are so many other events offered locally in the fall that the Township should not feel compelled to provide a large fall event program. The Board was supportive of retiring the Octoberfest event for the foreseeable future. The Board discussed having offered fall field trips in the past but agreed that the expense of those events relative to the number of participants is not the best use of limited recreational event funding. The Board prefers that the Township continue to focus on what many consider to be the Township's unique specialty, the providing of abundant and excellent trail and open space facilities for general public use, and allow the events program to function secondarily to that effort.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Phifer said that the Mom's Club of West Chester has requested permission to install a Little Library at East Bradford Park. The P & R Board thought this would be a good idea and that it should be installed near the pavilion.

Mr. Hatzipavlidis said that he had seen that July 15th was Parks & Recreation Professionals Day and that he would like to recognize and thank Mr. Phifer and Mrs. Adams for all the work that they do at the parks and open spaces in the township. The Board was in agreement with Mr. Hatzipavlidis.

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Ms. Bausinger, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary