

## **East Bradford Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022**

The September regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was held on September 13, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the East Bradford Township McCardle Meeting Room, 676 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA, 19380. A public notice was published in the Daily Local News on January 14, 2022. The agenda was posted on the Township website and at the Township building on September 9, 2022. Copies of the agenda were available for attendees.

Board members present:

John Snook, Chair  
Bruce W. Lavery, Vice Chair  
J. Patrick Davis, Member

Board members absent: None

Staff/Professionals present:

Andrea Campisi, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Mandie Cantlin, Township Manager/Secretary  
Peggy Lennon, Director of Finance  
Mark Lucas, P.E., Township Engineer  
Rich Phifer, Property and Recreation Director

Staff/Professionals absent:

Randy Behmke, Director of Public Works

Three guests were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Snook.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Bike the Brandywine – September 17; <https://www.brandywine.org/conservancy/bike-brandywine>
2. Tire Recycling Event – East Bradford Township; October 15
3. Paper Shredding Event – East Bradford Township; October 23

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of:

1. Minutes from:
  - a. August 9, 2022 6:30 p.m. (work session)
  - b. August 9, 2022 7:30 p.m. (regular meeting)
2. Recognition of Executive Sessions on:
  - a. August 9, 2022 (litigation and personnel)
  - b. September 13, 2022 (litigation and real estate)
3. Bills to Pay and Financial Report for August 2022
4. Records Disposition Resolution 13-2022

Mr. Lavery seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Downingtown Library – Lauren Smyth, Director, was in attendance. She thanked the Township for its interest in the Library and offered to assist in the promotion of Township events. She talked about the success of the Library’s summer reading program and touched on other programs that they offer. She noted that approximately 2,627 County cardholders use the Library and that there were 1,827 transactions (e.g., borrowings) registered by East Bradford residents. Going forward, the Library is planning to use its funding to increase employee compensation (there are about 15 employees) with an eye towards improving retention. Ms. Smyth recognized that East Bradford already contributes to the West Chester Library and will be following up later in the month with a letter to the Supervisors.
2. Jefferis Bridge – Jan Bowers and Eric Quinn from Chester County were in attendance to give a brief update on the Jefferis Bridge project. Mr. Quinn addressed some of the concerns that have been voiced in the past – namely about protecting historic integrity and securing against increased traffic (particularly truck traffic). He noted that PennDOT requires that bridges strive to allow for a minimum of 20 tons (although 15-18 tons is more realistic for this bridge). A concern raised by residents is that this increased allowance will promote truck traffic. Mr. Snook commented that the Township is investigating a truck restriction on Allerton Road, which pleased the County representatives. The right-of-way plans are nearing completion and acquisition efforts will start soon. DEP and PennDOT permits are in the process of submission and review. The County plans to finalize the design in the spring of 2023, bid the project in the summer, and commence work next fall. Due to bog turtle restrictions, the construction will span over two winters, with a target completion in 2025.

**ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board met in Executive Session with staff from 8:20 p.m. to 8:55 p.m. to discuss real estate, personnel, and litigation.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** The next meetings of the Board of Supervisors are scheduled for:

- October 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (work session)
- October 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (work session)
- October 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. (regular meeting)

**ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE:** At approximately 8:55 p.m., the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Mandie Cantlin, Secretary