

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
September 28, 2022 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board convened on Wednesday, September 28, 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, John Spangler, Judy Suska

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Beaugard

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Eagle Scout Candidate Jack Messaros, Mr. & Mrs. Messaros.

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 July 27, 2022, meeting, as written, was made by Ms. Bausinger, the motion being seconded by Mr. Colley, and carrying with all in favor. (No meeting in August)

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Eagle Scout Candidate Jack Messaros presented his project to the P & R Board for consideration. He proposes to construct two benches from wood, one to be placed at Mt. Bradford Preserve overlooking the meadow and the other at Plum Run Preserve near the parking area located on Tigue Road. The benches would be anchored to the ground to prevent them from being moved. He would also like to dedicate the benches to his grandfather who was a veteran of World War II. When asked, he believes that he has the necessary funds to complete the project. Ms. Bausinger asked if the township could make up the difference if he doesn't have the necessary funds. Mr. Phifer said that he believed it could. On motion of Ms. Bausinger and seconded by Mr. Fidler, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends approval of the Eagle Scout Project to the Board of Supervisors, the motion carried with all in favor.

STARR FARM SD# 655 – SUBDIVISION REVIEW

Mr. Phifer reviewed the subdivision plan for Starr Farm, the property that the Township purchased in 2020. The final plan shows the combining of lot lines between three parcels to create a 15.8-acre lot containing the existing house and barn complex. The new lot will be under conservation easement and is being sold by the Township. The remaining 156 acres will be owned and conserved by the Township as publicly accessible park land. The P & R Board had no comment on the subdivision plan.

The P & R Board asked about the trail system to be created on the west side of Skelp Level Road on the property. Mr. Phifer displayed a map of the proposed trail system and the plan for the trail to be created in 2023. It was suggested that the trail run along the edge of the woods, along Skelp Level Road and not along the woods on the meadow side. This would be better for the archery club during hunting season.

PARK PROJECTS STATUS UPDATES

Mr. Phifer updated the P & R Board on the following projects:

Shaw's Bridge Park canoe launch and restroom removal: this is scheduled for completion in October, but it is weather dependent.

Copeland School Park basketball court: the resurfacing has started with the basecoat in place, with rain scheduled it may take a few weeks for completion.

Jefferis Ford Nature Area: the interpretive panels are being shipped and should arrive any day. Public Works will install this fall.

Plum Run Trail: Mr. Phifer said that he had applied for and received a grant from the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful organization which is funded by the Giant Food company. The money will be used for three information panels, covering Meadow Habitat, Watersheds, and the Plum Run Stream Restoration. He is hoping they will be installed in 2023. The trail plans are being finalized and the DEP permits have been received for the trail. Relief may be needed from the ZHB because some of the trail is within the flood zone and doesn't meet township ordinances.

East Bradford Park: The MOMS Club of West Chester had purchased a Little Free Library for the Park and it has been installed near the pavilion.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Colley requested that new baseball hats be purchased for the volunteers.

Mr. Spangler said that he saw a fishing fly house like the little free library, where a fisherman can donate a fly for others to try on the stream. He suggested that it would be a good project for an Eagle Scout for along West Valley Creek.

Mr. Phifer noted that the concert series went well and that he will continue it next year.

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

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary