

# East Bradford Township Trails Committee Regular Meeting Minutes February 28, 2019

The February regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Trails Committee was held on February 28, 2019 in the McCardle Meeting Room of the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, PA 19380-1822.

**Committee members present:**

Joseph Hamel, Sheila Fleming, Betsey Mehl, Josie Parman, Andrew Schaum, Jacob Singer, John Spangler

**Committee members absent:**

Maria Kenny, Jim Wakefield

**Staff/Professionals present:**

Rich Phifer, Director of Property & Recreation  
Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant  
Mandie Cantlin, Township Manager

**Others in attendance:**

Dave Redmond  
John Marshall

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Schaum made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamel and the motion passed unanimously.

## **BRANDYWINE CREEK / PLUM RUN GREENWAY TRAIL UPDATES**

Mr. Phifer reported that the draft Master Plan for the Plum Run Greenway should be ready and posted online in early March. He will send out an email to everyone so that they may review and make comments. It is anticipated that the final meeting of the Plum Run Task Force will be March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and that the Master Plan will be presented to the Supervisors in April.

Sheila Fleming reported that The Brandywine Conservancy will prepare a Chester County VPP grant proposal this spring for the Brandywine Battlefield National Historic Landmark Heritage Interpretation Plan. It will include 6 municipalities in Chester County and Chadds Ford in Delaware County. Birmingham Township is to be the lead township. Mr. Spangler stated that the East Bradford Parks & Recreation Board was considering installation of an interpretive panel at the Miner Street open space near the Allerton Road bridge crossing over the East Branch of the Brandywine Creek. This is the location where British troops crossed the creek in their attempt to flank Washington's army during the Battle of the Brandywine. It was suggested that this site could be included in the multi-partner VPP planning project.

Ms. Fleming further offered that the Conservancy is applying to DCNR for a grant through the Regional Grant Program for the Brandywine Greenway. As part of this effort, it is anticipated that mini-grants may become available to municipalities for projects along the greenway and that East Bradford would be eligible.

The Conservancy is also holding the 26th annual Brandywine River Cleanup on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in collaboration with East and West Bradford Townships. Shaw's Bridge Park (East Bradford) and the Brandywine Meadows Preserve Trailhead (West Bradford) are scheduled to be primary sites and check-in locations for the event.

## **CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION**

Mr. Phifer asked Ms. Cantlin to summarize the new Conditional Use Application for "The Farm @ 415 Birmingham Road" B & B Estate. Ms. Cantlin recapped the time line and request of the previous application and this application with the Trails Committee. The Trails Committee had no comment at this time.

## **HARMONY HILL NATURE AREA**

Mr. Phifer reported that trails at the Harmony Hill Nature Area are being used by mountain bikers when conditions are wet, causing damage to the trails. Several of the trails may need to be closed this spring for repairs and may need to stay closed until the trails stabilize and dry. A couple of small trail segments may need to be rerouted because they are beyond fixing through less labor-intensive drainage techniques. Mr. Phifer is hopeful that with volunteer assistance the work can be completed quickly. A work day will be scheduled in early spring.