

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
May 23, 2018 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the East Bradford Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, Pa., 19380.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Bausinger, Chair Tony Blanco John Fidler, Vice Chair Joe Hamel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Colley & John Spangler

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

Rich Phifer, Directory of Property & Recreation
Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant, Acting Secretary
J. Patrick Davis, Supervisor Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Marianne Bausinger, Chairperson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the February 28, 2018 meeting was motioned by Mr. Hamel and seconded by Mr. Blanco, with all in favor.

GEOCACHING

Mr. Phifer continued the discussion on Geocaching from last month and passed out pictures of two Geocaches that are located at Mt. Bradford Preserve. The pictures showed the locations and what is in the containers and how they are marked. In reviewing the park rules and regulations the rules speak to any items that may be of concern if placed in a Geocache and the Township would always have the ability to remove any Geocache that they feel is inappropriate. Most of the items in the pictures were things that young kids would like and these Geocaches are not geared exclusively towards adults. Mr. Phifer also discussed this with township staff and it was the staff's opinion that the township should not impose a permitting process on this activity at the present time. The Parks & Recreation Board took no action on this item.

UPDATES

PLUM RUN CORRIDOR

Plum Run Corridor Master Plan Project – Mr. Phifer reported that Laird Recreation, in partnership with A.D. Marble, have been awarded the Plum Run Corridor Master Plan Project. This should commence in July and it is anticipated that they will hold four Task Force Meetings and three Public Meetings over the next 16 months.

Strode's Open Space – Mr. Phifer reported that the township had gone to settlement with the Strode's to purchase the 7.7 ac parcel on the west side of Birmingham Road. The Township has received a Chester County Municipal Assistance Grant for \$65,000 towards the purchase price, along with a grant from the Civil War Trust. This property will be included in the Plum Run Corridor Master Planning process.

BLUE ROCK TRAIL

Mr. Phifer reported that the Board of Supervisors discussed the trail at its most recent meeting and one Supervisor has requested time to walk the trail in person before the Board continues discussing the future of the Township's role in maintaining and/or monitoring the trail.

BRANDYWINE FARM BARN

The Township sold the barn ruins and cottage at Brandywine Farm to the adjoining property owner which successfully returns the historic barn and house under a private common ownership. Additionally, the conveyance brings the buyer's property back into conformance with the Township's zoning ordinance.

BATTING CAGE – EAST BRADFORD PARK

Mrs. Adams checked with several other organizations to see if they have any interest in the batting cage next to the big league field. No other leagues are interested. West Side Little League will be notified that it should be removed at the end of the season.

PARK LIAISON OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Hamel reported that Shaw's Bridge Park is looking good, but the wash out along the trail south of the canoe launch has gotten larger and is in need of repair. Mr. Phifer said that he and the Township Engineer are looking into options for the site.

Ms. Bausinger asked about the inspection of the bridge connecting Copeland School Park and East Bradford Park. Mr. Phifer said that it is scheduled for later in June by a structural engineer so that they can decide how the bridge should be rebuilt.

It was suggested that the Ingram's Mill Nature Area parking area should be lined with either cement parking blocks or telephone poles, which would help eliminate the need for often damaged fencing around the parking lot.

SUBDIVISION – LAND DEVELOPMENT

SD 632 – Darlington Ridge – Mr. Phifer stated that Township Engineer Mark Lucas has concerns about the outflow from the storm water basin at Darlington Ridge, which would empty onto the property that is proposed to be dedicated to the Township as open space. The outflow would be piped to just south of Tigue Road at which point it would empty directly onto the ground with a limited stone apron placed to spread and diffuse the impact of the water. From past experience he has seen other basins that empty like this and end up with a large erosion gully that would form towards the Plum Run Creek. While it will be the responsibility of the HOA to repair any issues, this ultimately would be something the Township will have to monitor and enforce. Mr. Lucas would like to see the drainage piped directly to Plum Run Creek instead. After discussion, Mr. Hamel motioned and seconded by Mr. Blanco, with all in favor that the Parks & Recreation Board supports Mr. Lucas' recommendation of piping the outflow directly to Plum Run Creek.

UPCOMING RECREATONAL & CULTURAL EVENTS

Trail Blazer Run – Saturday, June 16th – The Run will be on a Saturday this year and will include food and beer for purchase after the Run, along with free music.

Fourth of July Concert – July 2nd – Lukens Band, barbecue food will be available for free with the donation of a pet food item for the Chester County Pet Food Bank (hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, salads).

August Concerts will be on Thursdays – West Chester Band, Chesapeake Brass Band, MissBehavin' Band and West Chester Swing Kings will perform.

Field Trip to Hopewell Furnace & French Creek State Park – Saturday, October 20th includes tour of the Hopewell Furnace and lunch and the ability to explore around the Park. Cost will include bus fare, lunch and tour.

ADJOURN: the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NOTICE: the next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tenley F. Adams
Acting Secretary