

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
July 25, 2018 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, July 25, 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 Michael Colley John Fidler, Vice Chair  
Tim Healy John Spangler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joe Hamel

**STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:**

Rich Phifer, Directory of Property & Recreation  
Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant, Acting Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Eagle Scout Candidate Kyle Franz and parents, Mr. & Mrs. Franz

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the 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 May 23, 2018 meeting was motioned by Mr. Colley and seconded by Mr. Fidler, with all in favor. There was no meeting in June.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Eagle Scout Candidate Kyle Franz presented his suggested project of replacing the bird boxes at M. John Johnson Nature Center. The existing boxes are weathered, clustered too closely, and not in locations where they can be monitored easily. He is proposing 6 new boxes at better locations throughout the Nature Center with info plaques showing the types of nesting birds. The P & R Board was in agreement that this was a good project and that he should research the best placement of the box openings and if trees/bushes need to be close to the boxes for the fledglings. His project needs to be completed by early 2020. Mr. Phifer will forward the project proposal to the Supervisors for comment.

**NEW PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEMBER**

The Parks & Recreation Board welcomed Mr. Tim Healy to the Board. He was appointed to the Board at the June Board of Supervisors meeting. His term will expire December 31, 2022. Mr. Healy said that he has lived in the township for 1 ½ years having moved from New Jersey. He was involved in lacrosse coaching while living in Jersey and he also likes to bike and hike.

**SUBDIVISION – LAND DEVELOPMENT**

SD # 643 – Cornwell Lot Line Change – The Parks & Recreation Board had no comment.

SD # 645 – Armstrong Lot Line Change - The Parks & Recreation Board had no comment.

**RIPARIAN BUFFER AREA PROPOSED REVISIONS**

The P & R Board discussed the proposed revisions to the Riparian Buffer Area Ordinance. Many questions were raised about the ordinance and how it relates to trail construction along the creeks in the township as many of the properties owned by the township and proposed trails are in the riparian buffer (ex: Plum Run and the Strode Barn property and the recently acquired Strode property on Birmingham Road). Mr. Spangler motioned that the Parks & Recreation Board recommends against passing the Riparian Buffer Area Ordinance as currently written, expecting there will be revisions made to the draft that will clarify and resolve the Board's concerns. Mr. Blanco seconded the motion, with all in favor. Mr. Phifer will discuss the P & R Board's concerns with the appropriate township staff.

### **CHESTER COUNTY LANDSCAPES3**

Mr. Phifer noted that Chester County would like comments on Landscapes3 by July 31<sup>st</sup>. He reviewed some of the revisions that had been made to the maps in the current version of Landscapes3. The Township now is only classified as “suburban” and “rural”, “urban” having been removed. The Township has no agricultural designations which Ms. Bausinger and Mr. Spangler questioned why it was not included as some areas are still farmed. Mr. Phifer commented that he was not sure what criteria the County used in distinguishing between rural and agricultural areas but did not feel that the Township would be negatively impacted in any way due to this classification in Landscapes3. Residents may make comment online until July 31, 2018.

### **PARK INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES**

Mr. Phifer said that the Copeland basketball court fencing has been replaced and that the fencing on the softball field backstop has also been replaced.

### **UPCOMING RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL EVENTS**

August Concerts will begin on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all concerts start at 6:30 pm – West Chester Band, Chesapeake Brass Band, MissBehavin’ Band and West Chester Swing Kings will perform.

Pickleball Clinic – Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 11 am

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mr. Phifer, in response to the Boards concerns about reoccurring damage to the fence surrounding the Ingram’s Mill Nature Area parking lot, confirmed that Public Works intends to continue to use the post and rail fencing at Ingram’s Mill Nature Area, as opposed to laying lower-profile telephone poles around the parking area’s perimeter.

Mr. Fidler commented that because of the recent heavy rains, Paradise Valley Nature Area around the parking lot has a large amount of debris built up from the flooding.

Mr. Spangler asked about the sale of the Folchman Property on Blue Rock Road. The property was to be sold at auction, but evidently no bids met the required price. It is now up for private sale with an agent. Mr. Spangler was concerned about the Old Brandywine Trail that is on the property. Mr. Phifer is hopeful that the new owners will work with the township for a trail easement.

Mr. Spangler asked about the Blue Rock Trail maintenance. Mr. Phifer said that the Supervisors are looking into the trail and no decisions have been made.

Mr. Phifer mentioned that the Trail Blazer Run went off without a hitch but attendance was down possibly because it was on Father’s Day weekend and also due to it being high school graduation season.

Mr. Spangler asked if the bike path to be located at Mt. Bradford Preserve is going to be placed in the 2019 budget. Mr. Phifer said that the trail from East Bradford Park to Copeland School Park on to the township building and East Bradford Elementary, might be paved in 2019. Ms. Bausinger said she has concerns with bikes going through East Bradford Park and causing hazardous conditions with little kids playing on the walkways.

**ADJOURN:** On motion of Mr. Blanco and seconded by Mr. Colley, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**NOTICE:** The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tenley F. Adams  
Acting Secretary