

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
January 22, 2020 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the East Bradford Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Pa., 19380.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tony Blanco, Michael Colley, John Fidler, Harry Hatzipavlidis, John Spangler, Judy Suska

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marianne Bausinger

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pat Davis, Supervisor and liaison to the Parks & Recreation Board
Matt Maturani, prospective member of the Parks & Recreation Board
Mark Beaugard, prospective member of the Parks & Recreation Board

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

2020 RE-ORGANIZATION

The Parks & Recreation Board re-organized for 2020 with the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. On motion of Mr. Fidler and seconded by Mr. Hatzipavlidis, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board appointed Marianne Bausinger Chairperson for 2020. On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Mr. Spangler, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board appointed John Fidler Vice-Chairman for 2020.

Mr. Phifer introduced the new members who were appointed to the P & R Board. Ms. Suska was appointed to an unexpired term that ends 12/31/22. Mr. Hatzipavlidis was appointed to fill an unexpired term that ends 12/31/24. Mr. Phifer commented that meetings will continue to be on the 4th Wednesday of each month except November which will be held on the 3rd Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving holiday and December will be a joint meeting with the Trails Committee on the 3rd Thursday.

Mr. Phifer said that the Board of Supervisors is considering increasing the membership of the Parks & Recreation Board to nine members and will consider Mr. Maturani and Mr. Beaugard to fill the added two positions.

The Parks & Recreation Board liaison assignments for the different parks and open spaces were adjusted to accommodate the two new appointments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the December 18, 2019 meeting was motioned by Mr. Colley and seconded by Mr. Fidler, with all in favor. (This was a joint meeting with the Trails Committee.)

2020 EVENT PLANNING

Mr. Phifer reviewed the draft list of events that are planned for 2020. January – Winter History Hike at HHNA, February – Winter History Hike at HHNA, March – April – Spring Naturalist Walk and a Backyard Gardening

Workshop, May – Spring History Hike, June – Trail Blazer Run and Summer Concert #1, July – Summer Concert #2, Summer Naturalist Walk, August – Summer Concert #3, Pickleball Clinic, September – Orienteering and Fall Naturalist Walk, October - Fall Field Trip, Field & Stream Expo, November – Stargazing at Starr Farm Park. This year will only include 3 concerts and food trucks will be available at each concert. The concerts will continue to be held on Thursday evenings with the food trucks available at 6:30pm and the concerts starting at 7:00 pm. The History Hikes at HHNA will be directed by Mr. Phifer and already have filled up on the scheduled dates. The Field and Stream Expo will be a joint venture with West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife.

2020 FALL FIELD AND STREAM EXPO

Mr. Phifer said that he had been contacted by West Chester Fish Game and Wildlife Association about doing a joint Expo in the Fall of 2020. A joint meeting will be held to discuss what this will involve and start the planning process. Ms. Adams will be at point from the Township.

MT. BRADFORD PRESERVE UPDATE

Mr. Phifer said that the tree removal has been completed in the meadow area on the south side. The paved trail has been budgeted in the 2020 budget and he is hopeful it will be installed this year. A volunteer day with those interested in the disc golf course will be scheduled so that the trail system for the disc golf course can be installed. The T-pads will also eventually be installed by volunteers but not until later in the year.

JEFFERIS FORD MARKER (Jefferis Ford Nature Area)

The wording for the historic marker to be installed at the northeast corner of the intersection of North Creek Road and Allerton Road was reviewed. Mr. Phifer said that the marker is being paid for by the PA Society of Sons of the Revolution.

PLUM RUN MASTER PLAN

The RFP for the engineering/design of the Plum Run Master Plan implementation has been issued and a pre-bid meeting will be held January 23rd with the bids being due February 13, 2020.

SUBDIVISION / LAND DEVELOPMENT

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Mr. Phifer said that updated plans had been submitted and were substantively identical to the last set of plans reviewed by the P&R Board. The Board reiterated its prior recommendation from October 2019 that the value of all outdoor open space amenities (including the dog park and other common spaces) not be deducted from the mandatory developer's Fee in Lieu Of Recreation unless those amenities are made open and accessible to the general public. The motion was made by Mr. Spangler, seconded by Mr. Fidler with all in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Phifer announced that the Township has been awarded a PECO Green Region Grant for the canoe launch improvements at Shaw's Bridge Park.

The Rt. 322 Bridge replacement at the south end of Brandywine Trail is in its final stages. The new bridge is open, the parking lot has its base coat and it is anticipated it will open in May or June after final paving. The old bridge is due to be removed at any time. The Township will have to install the trail under the new bridge at some point, but the initial grading will be completed by PennDOT,

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

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tenley F. Adams
Secretary