

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

The East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board convened on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. In an effort to minimize public exposure to COVID-19 and maintain social distancing, the meeting was held via Zoom teleconferencing. A public notice was published in the Daily Local News on June 30, 2020. The agenda and dial-in numbers were also posted on the Township website at <https://www.eastbradford.org/government/boards-commissions/> on July 14, 2020.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marianne Bausinger, Mark Beaugard, John Fidler, Michael Colley, Harry Hatzipavlidis, Judy Suska, Matt Maturani, John Spangler

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tony Blanco

**STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:**

Rich Phifer, Directory of Property & Recreation  
Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant, Acting Secretary  
Mandie Cantlin, Township Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Colin O'Brien, Eagle Scout Candidate

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the June 24, 2020 meeting was motioned by Mr. Colley and seconded by Mr. Beaugard, with all in favor.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Eagle Scout Candidate Colin O'Brien presented his proposed project to construct a kiosk at Mt. Bradford Preserve. The kiosk would be built similar to the ones at East Bradford Park with 6x6 support posts. The Township will supply the bulletin board cabinet to be installed on the kiosk. The kiosk would be completed by the end of 2020. On motion of Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mr. Hatzipavlidis, with all in favor, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends that the Eagle Scout Project be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**REVIEW OF PRIVATE SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE**

The P & R Board discussed the Private Special Event Ordinance that has been proposed. The ordinance is aimed at protecting the Township from incurring expenses for emergency services related to private events of a certain capacity, with the cost burden being placed on the persons/company holding the event and not the Township. The P & R Board had concerns that the ordinance would present an unintentional burden on residents that wanted to have a party or event for a graduation, wedding, anniversary, birthday or similar function. The Board feels that the minimum threshold of people attending the event may need to be increased. The consequences of the ordinance on non-profits holding events at Stroud Preserve or Paradise Farm Camps was also brought up as something to consider further. The Board feels that the ordinance needed more review and revision before recommendations can be given.

**REVIEW OF DRAFT LIGHTNING POLICY**

The P & R Board reviewed the draft Lightning Policy that Mr. Phifer had created for Township events. Ms. Bausinger suggested that the policy might want to specifically include protocols for band performers who would be on stage without a good place to shelter during a storm. Ms. Bausinger also referenced several apps that are available that show real-time lightning and storms so that everyone can get to their cars for protection before the storm hits.

**PARK STATUS UPDATES**

**Shaw’s Bridge Park:** The ongoing issues at Shaw’s Bridge Park were again discussed. The July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was extremely busy. Two dumpsters were at the Park for the weekend which made it easier for Public Works to clean up the trash that had been left behind. The field was open for overflow parking with upwards of 60 cars parked there on the 4<sup>th</sup>. An estimated 500 people were using the park’s facilities. Parking at the main parking lot required ticketing and towing of some vehicles. Some vehicles were also parked on St. Finegan Drive, which could become an issue. Parking along Rt. 842 just west of the bridge over the Brandywine was hazardous with people walking out from between parked cars into the traffic lanes. Visitors continue to bring grills into the park, ignoring the signs stating that grills are not allowed. Alcohol is another issue that continues. Mr. Phifer said he had calls from adjacent landowners with concerns about the crowds at the park. Mr. Phifer said he would like to take all the permanent grills out of the park and remove the picnic tables. Also, some of the mowed areas, if left to grow in, would make it less appealing for groups to set up private picnic grounds throughout the park, thus reducing refuse and unauthorized grilling.

**Ingram’s Mill Nature Area:** Parking along North Creek Road has become an issue and “No Parking” signs will be installed and ordained so that ticketing can be done. A chain was installed across the old drive so people can’t park inappropriately.

**Jefferis Ford Nature Area:** The historic sign has been delivered and will be installed. Public Works is creating a pull-off area at the site.

**Sugar’s Bridge Nature Area:** The new parking lot on Rt. 322 has been completed and the sign for the Nature Area will be installed this week. A kiosk is being built by an Eagle Scout. A draft plan will be created for the continuation of the Brandywine Trail under the new bridge and onto the PECO property. It will be presented to the P & R Board and Trails Committee before being presented to PECO.

**Plum Run Preserve:** The engineering firm is in the process of creating the plans and signage. Toll Brothers has paved the trail on the north side of Tigue Road. They are continuing to work on the south side of the road.

**Mt. Bradford Preserve:** Trails are being finalized for the disc golf course. A pedestrian bridge will soon be built by volunteers over the spring run. The parking lot will be created later this year.

**Harmony Hill Nature Area:** Work is ongoing to remove invasive vegetation at the ruins and rejuvenate the site as a viable interpretive area. Volunteer, Bob Perna, has been very instrumental in this effort.

**East Bradford Park:** Some of the water fountains that are no longer working are going to be replaced. The dugout walls have been repaired where they were cracked.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mr. Beaugard raised concerns about the people using the parks and not wearing masks or social distancing as required by the State regulations.

**ADJOURN:** On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Mr. Hatzipavlidis, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams  
Secretary