

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
September 23, 2020 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board convened on Wednesday, September 23, 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 August 3, 2020. The agenda and dial-in numbers were also posted on the Township website at <https://www.eastbradford.org>.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Beaugard, John Spangler

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andrew Darlak, 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 August 26, 2020 meeting was motioned by Mr. Hatzipavlidis and seconded by Mr. Maturani, with all in favor.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Eagle Scout Candidate Andrew Darlak presented his proposed project to install a bench at the Jefferis Ford Nature Area at the corner of North Creek Road and Allerton Road. The area is part of the Brandywine Battlefield Interpretive Trail which goes between Marshallton and the Brandywine Battlefield. It will include signage about the Battle of the Brandywine. Mr. Darlak gave an overview of the project and the steps involved in order to complete the project. The Parks & Recreation Board likes the idea of a bench at that location and will await more detailed information about the exact type of bench Mr. Darlak would plan to install before recommending the project for approval.

SHAW'S BRIDGE PARK – REVIEW MAINTENANCE TRANSITION PLAN

Mr. Phifer thanked the P & R Board for attending the site meeting at Shaw's Bridge Park last Wednesday. He said that he was inclined to move forward with the transition plan for Shaw's and has informed and solicited feedback from the Friends of Shaw's Bridge Park on the matter. Additional concerns were raised by Mr. Hatzipavlidis about enforcement, specifically as regards trying to increase the West Chester Police Department presence on the property and exploring the hiring of a security guard/ranger for the park's coverage come next year's summer season, both of which Mr. Phifer said he would discuss with the Township Manager and Board of Supervisors.

FIELD USE STATUS

Mr. Phifer said the fields have been very busy this fall with additional use by the leagues which are making up for time lost in the spring. Mrs. Adams said she will put together the totals of the permits and fees for this year and have it available for either the October or November meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Suska asked about the signage installed at the parks that show the dates for the hunting seasons. Mr. Phifer said the signs posted at Timber Top Trail are different than the ones posted at other Township properties because it is private property and they do close down the trail on certain dates while the Township does not close down the parks and open space areas.

Mr. Hatzipavlidis asked about the time frame for the Plum Run Preserve and the trail system. Mr. Phifer said Toll Brothers will be completing their portion of the trail shortly, but the rest of the project is just in the engineering/design stage and that it may be 3-4 years before any construction work commences. The Township will need time to raise grant funds for the final construction phase.

Mr. Hatzipavlidis asked about the Brandywine Trail extension and the portion along Rt. 322 and where it goes along the Brandywine Creek and if that portion was to be on PECO property or private property. Mr. Phifer said it would be on the PECO property and connect to the easement we have on private property if PECO agrees to the proposed alignment.

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Mr. Maturani, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary