

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
April 28, 2021 Minutes**

The East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board convened on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. 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 December 30, 2020. The agenda and dial-in numbers were also posted on the Township website at <https://www.eastbradford.org>.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Linda Barchet, resident

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the March 24, 2021 meeting took place as Ms. Bausinger motioned to approve the minutes as written, the motion being seconded by Mr. Spangler, and carrying with all in favor.

PLUM RUN CORRIDOR PROGRESS PRESENTATION

Mr. Phifer had recently given a presentation to the Chester County Planning Commission on the Plum Run Corridor Progress and Supervisor Pompo suggested that he also give the presentation to the Boards and Committees of the Township. After the presentation the Board had the following comments: Mr. Beaugard asked if the trail will continue south through the Radley Run Country Club property. Mr. Phifer commented that he had spoked to Radley Run Country Club several years ago and at the time they were receptive to the concept, but the Club is under new management and future meetings will need to be set up when phase two of the corridor initiative enters the master planning stage.

Mr. Maturani asked about the Tigue Barn on Tigue Road and who was doing the rehab work on it and about the plans for the Strode's Barn. Mr. Phifer said that the Tigue Barn is part of the Darlington Ridge project and work on the barn is being conducted by Toll Brothers. The Township is in the design phase for the Strode's Barn restoration and has received a mini-grant through the Brandywine Conservancy which has been used to hire Dan Campbell, a historic preservation architect specializing in small buildings. Mr. Campbell has been researching the barn and is in the process of creating the restoration plans which will be used for the cost estimates for fundraising to do the rehabilitative construction.

TENNIS COURT RESURFACING PROJECT UPDATE

The bid specifications for the tennis court resurfacing at East Bradford park have been advertised and the pre-bid meeting was held earlier today (4/28/21). The bids are due by 3:00 pm on Friday, May 7, 2021.

TOWNSHIP PICKLEBALL NETS

With the tennis court resurfacing to be completed this year, two additional pickleball courts will be painted on the courts when completed. The township currently has two nets available in the lock box for use by residents.

Mr. Fidler and Mr. Maturani both feel that 4 nets should be available in the lockbox.

Mr. Beaugard feels that two nets should be up all the time with two in the box.

Ms. Bausinger said she has concerns about vandalism if the nets are left up all the time. Also, the nets could be in the way of tennis players on the courts. She would recommend that two nets continue to be available and if feedback is received requesting two additional nets, they can be supplied at that time. She mentioned that many people bring their own nets to the courts.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS –

Mr. Colley thanked the township for allowing West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife to stock trout in West Valley Creek through the West Valley Creek meadow. He said the Club had not been able to access the Creek through the meadow for many years.

Mr. Fidler said that the Public Works crew has made the trail wider when mowing at Starr Farm Park and it is making it much nicer to walk. He would like to see a doggie waste bag dispenser placed at the park as many people are not cleaning up after their dogs.

Mr. Spangler asked about the status of the improved canoe launch at Shaw's Bridge Park. Mr. Phifer said that the PA Fish & Boat Commission Grant has been awarded and he is awaiting the contract. Things have been delayed due to Covid, but the delay has been advantageous because it has allowed time for the after-effects of the downstream dam removal to play out so that we could see exactly where the water level has settled. Funds for the improvements are all from sources other than the township.

Mr. Fidler asked about the grant timing for the acquisition of Starr Farm. Mr. Phifer said that Chester County usually makes grant announcements by the end of May and the DCNR program usually announces in the fall, around October.

Ms. Bausinger and Mr. Maturani both requested that the May meeting be in person, maybe at East Bradford Park.

Mr. Hatzipavlidis said he is comfortable with an in person meeting outdoors, especially since all the members are now vaccinated.

Mr. Phifer commented that the summer Public Works schedule has started, and they are now working Monday to Thursday, 6am to 4pm. The Public Works Director will be covering on Friday part of the day.

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Colley and seconded by Ms. Bausinger, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary