

**East Bradford Township  
Trails Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the East Bradford Township Trails Committee (TC) was held on July 26, 2018 in the McCardle Meeting Room of the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, PA 19380-1822.

Committee members present:

Harry Hatzipavlidis  
Sheila Fleming  
Bob Hawkes

Maria Kenny  
Betsey Mehl  
Josie Parman

Andy Schaum  
John Spangler

Committee members absent:

Joseph Hamel      Jacob Singer      Jim Wakefield

Staff/Professionals present:

Rich Phifer, Director of Property & Recreation  
Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant  
Mandie Cantlin, Township Manager  
John Snook, Township Supervisor

Others in attendance:

Dave Redmond

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES**

Mr. Schaum made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hatzipavlidis and the motion passed unanimously. (No meeting in June)

**SUBDIVISION – LAND DEVELOPMENT**

SD # 643 – Cornwell – Lot line change. No comment from the Trails Committee  
SD # 645 – Armstrong – Lot lone change. No comment from the Trails Committee

**RIPARIAN BUFFER AREA ORDINANCE PROPOSED REVISIONS**

Mr. Phifer discussed the Riparian Buffer Area Ordinance Revisions with the Trails Committee. Ms. Cantlin clarified some of the modifications that are proposed and stated that the revisions are needed to help make it easier for the engineers to use the ordinance when plans are submitted to the township. It should also eliminate the need to send nearly every submission to the Zoning Hearing Board for relief. Some concerns were raised about the township's trails and trail easements which are located in the riparian buffer and the removal of vegetation to create the trails. Ms. Cantlin said she will discuss these comments with the Township Engineer and that once the final draft of the ordinance becomes available it will be posted on the website and will also have to be reviewed by the Township Solicitor and the Chester County Planning Commission.

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Mr. Phifer discussed some of the changes that he observed on the general landscape classification map in the plan. One being that the township is now classified exclusively as suburban and rural and no longer shows any urban classification areas. The map does not show any agriculturally classified areas in the township which was of concern to some of the members. Ms. Cantlin said that agriculture, in addition to agriculturally eased properties, are shown on the more detailed

maps but that the general landscape classification map represents a County overview snapshot of the various landscape sectors.

Mr. Phifer said that anyone can submit online comments on the Plan until the end of July, 2018 and that the County expects to release a Draft Plan in the fall of 2018.

#### **TRAIL BLAZER RUN 2018**

Mr. Phifer reported that logistically the Trail Blazer Run went extremely well as the weather and venue were perfect. The Run had sufficient volunteer support and 35 sponsors, most of which are local businesses. Proceeds from the Run netted just under \$10,000. This year the Committee had tried Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> as the run date, which was Father's Day weekend and also many graduation parties were the same weekend, but unfortunately participation was lower than last year possibly because of the timing. The Trail Blazer Run subcommittee will discuss next year's race after the Trails meeting today.

#### **FALL NATURALIST WALK**

Everyone was in agreement that a birding-oriented walk would be interesting this fall. Several potential guides were suggested for the walk and Mr. Phifer will contact them accordingly to plan the walk for a Sunday in October, ideally.

#### **TRAIL CONNECTION**

Mr. Phifer said that they are reviewing the possibility of paving the trail between East Bradford Park and Copeland School Park and connecting it to the existing paved trail at East Bradford Elementary School. Depending on the cost it may be included in the 2019 budget. Mr. Spangler said he would still like to see the bike trail from Rt. 842 to Sconnelltown Road through Mt. Bradford Preserve completed and paved so that bikers can get off of Rt. 842 which is dangerous when riding eastbound into West Chester.

#### **BULE ROCK TRAIL**

Mr. Spangler asked about the status of the Blue Rock Trail. Ms. Cantlin stated it has been on the Supervisors agenda and that Supervisor Pompo wants to go out and walk the trail before continuing discussions on the Township's responsibility and jurisdiction over the trail.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August Concerts will begin on Thursday, August 2nd, 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 11th, 9 – 11 am

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

**ADJOURN:** the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

**NOTICE:** The next meeting of the Trails Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2018 AT 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tenley F. Adams  
Acting Secretary