

**East Bradford Township  
Trails Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the East Bradford Township Trails Committee was held on September 26, 2019 in the McCardle Meeting Room of the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, PA 19380-1822.

**Committee members present:**

Andrew Schaum, Chair, Sheila Fleming, Joseph Hamel, Maria Kenny, Betsey Mehl, Jacob Singer, John Spangler, Jim Wakefield

**Committee members absent:**

Josie Parman

**Staff/Professionals present:**

Rich Phifer, Director of Property & Recreation  
Tenley Adams, Property & Recreation Assistant

**Others in attendance:**

Mike Lynch, Director of Finance

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the joint meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board and Trails Committee of August 22, 2019, were approved by the Parks & Recreation Board on September 25, 2019.

**SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT/CONDITIONAL USE**

SD# 648 – Thomas Lot Line Change, Highland Farm Road. Lot line change between two lots owned by the Thomas' to allow for the installation of a pole barn. The Trails Committee had no comment.

Conditional Use Application – Major Home Occupation, Gallagher Power Washing, Clover Hill Drive. The Trails Committee had no comment.

**BRANDYWINE WATER TRAIL LAUNCH SITES CONCEPT REVIEW**

Mr. Phifer reviewed two concept plans for formal launch sites with the Committee. One site would be located within Shaw's Bridge Park and the other would be at the south end of the East Branch Brandywine Trail at the new trail parking lot that will be created by PennDOT alongside the new bridge on Rt. 322. The Brandywine Conservancy created the concept plans as part of a feasibility analysis they are conducting for a designated Brandywine Creek Water Trail. The Shaw's Bridge Park site would be at the current location of a primitive launch, directly along the trail from the main parking lot. It would be modeled after the new launch at Natural Lands' ChesLen Preserve. The concept plan showed a proposed widening and paving of the trail for vehicular access to the launch site. Mr. Phifer reported that the Parks & Recreation Board unanimously agreed that the access should be kept as-is and restricted to just walk in/walk out use. Improvements for vehicular access along the trail would be negatively impactful on the park's aesthetics, difficult to design/permit in the floodplain, and difficult to enforce for temporary loading/unloading use. Mr. Phifer reiterated that the Township will be submitting an application for PECO Green Region Grant assistance to help with the installation of the ramp at Shaw's Bridge Park. The Trails Committee was in agreement with the concept for the East Branch Brandywine Trail launch site.

**PLUM RUN MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Phifer announced that the Township has been awarded a DCED Grant of \$65,000 for design and engineering of the first phase of the Plum Run Trail, bringing the total in-hand funding to \$200,000 for the project. He anticipates that the RFP for the design and engineering will be ready in late fall of this year. The Red Clay Alliance has also received a grant for Phase II of its Plum Run Stream Restoration Project.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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

**NOTICE:** The next meeting of the Trails Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tenley F. Adams, Secretary