

**East Bradford Township
Trails Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2021**

The East Bradford Township Trails Committee convened on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 12:00 noon. 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 December 30, 2020. The agenda and dial-in numbers were also posted on the Township website at <https://www.eastbradford.org/government/boards-commissions>.

Committee members present:

Sheila Fleming, Maria Kenny, Betsey Mehl, Andrew Schaum, 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, Secretary
John Snook, Supervisor Liaison

Others in attendance:

Dave Redmond

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

2021 RE-ORGANIZATION

The Trails Committee re-organized for 2021 with the election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

On motion of Mr. Schaum, seconded by Ms. Kenny and with all in favor, the Trails Committee appointed Ms. Fleming as Chair for 2021.

On motion of Mr. Spangler, seconded by Mr. Schaum and with all in favor, the Trails Committee appointed Mr. Wakefield as Vice-Chair for 2021.

All members of the Trails Committee were re-appointed for one-year terms expiring on December 31, 2021. Mr. Phifer commented that meetings will continue to be on the 4th Thursday of each month except for November, which will be held on the 3rd Thursday because of the Thanksgiving holiday, and December, which will be a joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Board on the 3rd Thursday, all at 12:00 noon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting was motioned by Mr. Schaum, seconded by Mr. Spangler, with all in favor. No meeting was held in December.

OFFICIAL MAP UPDATE

Mr. Phifer reviewed the Official Map, highlighting proposed changes that include new trails and trail easements acquired since the last update was made in 2017. Ms. Kenny suggested that equine use be considered at the Starr Farm property. On motion of Mr. Schaum, seconded by Ms. Kenny with all in favor, it is recommended that the Official Map be adopted.

PLUM RUN TRAIL UPDATE

Mr. Phifer reported on the Plum Run Trail project's progress and he provided pictures of the proposed bridge over Plum Run. The span would be 40 feet if the bridge were sited as proposed, which would help minimize bridge costs. It was suggested that the trail approach to the west end of the bridge be more gradual of a curve for bikes. The trail design should be more organic going with the flow of the land rather than such a straight-line trail.

Mr. Phifer also showed pictures of a stream crossing that would be a possibility up-stream in the meadow area.

BLUE ROCK TRAIL

Mr. Spangler suggested that a trail clean-up day be scheduled for the Blue Rock Trail in the Spring. It was noted that property owners continue to dump yard waste along the trail.

ADJOURN: On motion of Mr. Spangler, seconded by Mr. Singer, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm with all in favor.

NOTICE: The next meeting of the Trails Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 12:00 noon with the Parks & Recreation Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams
Secretary