



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION MEETING
July 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Carol Rice, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Present were Ms. Rice, Ms. Schemm, Mr. Weiss and Mr. Richino and Mr. McNulty. Ms. Halber was not present. Supervisor liaison John Paul was in attendance as was Township Manager Timothy J. Tieperman.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Rice led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Rice asks for public comment.
 - Mr. Ravi Raju Kalisdindi (583 Mockingbird Way) appeared before the Board to appeal again for the need to move forward with the Bradford Pedestrian bridge project. Mr. Paul and Mr. Tieperman stated that it will be part of the Supervisors' capital budget deliberations later this year.
 - Mr. Steve Happ, representing the Warrington Youth Baseball Association, was in attendance to express concerns over what he perceived to be excessive traffic enforcement during a major tournament which the Association was hosting. Mr. Tieperman asked Mr. Happ to provide him additional information, and he will investigate.

Liaison Reports

4. **Bike and Hike:** Mr. Tieperman provided an update on the Herb Kahl race, which was handled by the Bike and Hike Committee for the first time this year. Attached are the minutes from its recent meeting (Attachment A).
5. **Environmental Advisory Council:** There was a brief report on the activities of the Environmental Advisory Council. Attached are the minutes from its recent meeting (Attachment B).
6. **Open Space and Land Preservation Task Force:** Ms. Schemm provided an update on the Task Force's recent activities. One major item that she addressed was a proposed 3:1 land swap that would provide better open space linkages in the Township. It's currently being reviewed by the Bucks County Open Space Board as well as the County Solicitor. Attached are the minutes from its recent meeting (Attachment C).

Old Business

7. Bradford Trail Bridge: Mr. Tieperman stated that he does have the cost estimates from the Township Engineer and it will be reviewed for possible capital consideration in the 2012. Attached is the latest cost estimate from Carroll Engineers. He said there's a possibility that a portion of the project could be paid for from the County's open space program as part of an improvement program. He will investigate this further and report back at a future meeting.
8. Cornerstone Partnership: Mr. Tieperman stated the partnership is going well and that some residents have signed on using the online registration program. An additional report will be provided at the next meeting.
9. Concert Series Update: The new concert series at Valley Square was well-received. The alternating venues, coupled with the diverse musical repertoire at various Valley Square restaurants, offered a variety of different musical genres to appeal to a more diverse and larger audience.

New Business

10. Review of 2011 Day Camp Program: Mr. Tieperman provided a financial report for the 2011 day camp program. (See Attachment D). He stated that Staff is monitoring enrollments and payroll information on a weekly basis to ensure against overstaffing. He estimates the camp should be close to break-even. He will have a more detailed report at the next meeting. Overall, camp enrollment numbers are down from last year, which is why he asked Day Camp Manager Dan Marsh to appear before the Park Board with a mid-season review and analysis.

Mr. Dan Marsh, Twin Oaks Day Camp Manager, appeared before the Park Board to give a mid-season status report on the camp's operation. Around 55 children between the ages of 4 and 13 were enrolled in the camp this year, which is less than last year's enrollment. He stated there were several programmatic changes to this year's program, one of which was the elimination of the MWF/TR offerings in favor of weekly themed events. He stated that while he received some negative feedback over this change, it allows for a more structured day camp program and a less complicated enrollment process. It is also consistent with other surrounding day camp programs, none of which have split-week educational programs. He stated that people truly interested in the day camp experience have grown to like the new format, which he expects will gain in popularity next year. He stated that newly added features include more field trips and a theatre camp to attract children geared to non-sports venues. He stated enrollments in all surrounding day camps were down this year and that the Township got off to a late start this year. He's confident that next year's enrollment numbers will improve.

11. Warrington Carnival Days Preparations: Mr. Tieperman reported that arrangements have been finalized with Valley Square for this year's Warrington Days festivities. He will keep the Board posted as more details are finalized.

- 12. Review of 2012 Swim Club Program:** The Swim Club's assistant manager provided a mis-season report, as well as a registration breakdown for the year. Mr. Tieperman also furnished financial status report of the Program. Mr. Patrick Smith, representative of the Swim Club Steering Committee, was also in attendance to review a number of capital and maintenance items that need to be addressed at the facility next year. He agreed to followup with a written list of concerns. Mr. Rice noted that this is the first time that these matters were brought directly before the Park Board. [Note: Attached is Mr. Smith's email summarizing these issues]
- 13. Ms. Rice and Mr. Weiss updated members on the status of its meetings with all the active field associations and advised that Board that all parties agreed to work with the Township in preparing written agreements delineating municipal and association responsibilities. The initial agreements will apply to football, soccer, baseball, softball and lacrosse. Additional organizations can be added as deemed appropriate. Mr. Tieperman has contacted other municipalities for sample agreements.**
- 14. Philadelphia Avenue Park Relocation:** Mr. Tieperman reported that he conducted a site meeting with Supervisor LaMond to inspect the deteriorating Philadelphia Avenue Park and possible relocation spots for the Park within the existing neighborhood. Mr. Tieperman reported that some of these sites are viable alternatives and should be explored further. It was agreed to include it for possible capital consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Timothy J. Tieperman
Township Manager