



## AGENDA

### WARRINGTON PARK AND RECREATION BOARD JUNE 26, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. March 27, 2014: Mr. Weiss moved to table approval until the next regular meeting. Mr. Piotrowicz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (*The Board will hear from any interested resident or taxpayer who would like to comment on an item not on this evening's agenda. Respondents are asked to keep their comments to 3 minutes.*)

#### **PARK CONCEPT PROPOSAL FOR PROPOSED HIGHGROVE DEVELOPMENT (*aka Loop Road District*)**

Mr. Michael L. Beauke, landscape architect with T & M Associates, appeared before the Park Board on behalf of the Highgrove Manor. Mr. Beauke shared with the Board the preliminary park/open space layout plan for the new development, also known as the Park Road Loop District. He focused on the location of the proposed tot lot, the connecting trails and parking lot. Board member reactions were overall positive. Mrs. Rice commented that based on her experience, tot lots most often serve the immediate neighborhood. Very seldom do other outer neighborhoods patronize them. She said that this new development will be somewhat isolated because of Bristol and 611 residents from other outlying neighborhoods will not walk to just a tot lot. She and Mrs. Schemm suggested introducing a trail with exercise venues similar to what exists at Doylestown's Central Park. Mr. Beauke thanked them for the Board's feedback and will take these comments back to the developer for review. He may appear at future meeting with more definitive details.

#### LIAISON REPORTS:

2. Bike and Hike Committee: The Committee has provided assistance to Staff on the Township's trail planning efforts and is working with the Warrington Days Organization Committee in planning the annual fishing derby and bike decorating contest.
3. Environmental Advisory Council: Ruth Schemm updated the Board on the EAC's collaborative efforts with the Open Space Task Force in developing and ranking system for the evaluation of candidate parcels.
4. Open Space Task Force: Both Mr. Tieperman and Mrs. Schemm updated the Board on the Task Force's activities. They reported on a very productive meeting with the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center (EFC) and its development of recommendations on how to leverage the Township's bond monies with other Tier 1-3 grant sources.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

5. King Park Batting Cage Update: Mr. Weiss stated that he's inspected the new batting cage and dugouts at the King Park Baseball Field, and they were installed correctly and look good.
6. Draft Field Maintenance Agreement – Warrington Youth Baseball: Mr. Weiss reported that Carol, Tim Barry and I met with WYB...he's taking it back to the final edits....and to Supervisors....football is next.

7. Swim Club/Twin Oaks Day Camp Updates: Mr. Luber provided current financial updates for both the Swim Club and Twin Oaks Day Camp. He said that swim team fees are up significantly but they have not translated into membership increases. He also identified over \$100,000 in pool capital needs. He indicated that the day camp registrations are on par with last year's enrollment figures. He said the two (2) Twin Oaks pools are performing very well this year.

**NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):**

8. Schemm Health Student Proposal: Ms. Shemm reviewed a proposed internship program from the University Health Sciences where she works. The internship would be part of a student's graduate curriculum and would primarily involve doing a parks survey with a public health focus. The student would need to clock in a minimum 220 hours of project work. The project's focus would be parks survey with a health focus.
9. Barness Park Updates; Mr. Tieperman and Mr. Paul reviewed the planned updates for Barness Park. They touched upon the recent razing of the Snyder House, the lighting plan as well as future plans to improve and expand the parking configuration at Barness Park. Mr. Paul emphasized this will likely mean the removal of the current softball fields which, historically, were never part of the original Barness master plan. The softball will need to be relocated elsewhere. There are several possible sites that Township officials are exploring. Ms. Rice stated the importance of finding an alternative site relatively quickly to accommodate the girls softball program.
10. JPP @ Lower Nike Improvements: Mr. Paul reported that 6,000 feet of topsoil was transported to the Lower Nike area, where it was leveled and hydroseeded.

**OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS:**

11. Park Fee Refund Policy: Mr. Luber stated that Staff is working on a refund policy for registrants that drop out at the last moment for swim club membership, day camp or other special programs. He said currently we have no official refund policy on the books.
12. Mr. Luber and Mr. Tieperman presented updates on other park-related projects: Palomino Tennis Court Reconstruction, planned improvements to the Mary Barness courts and new street hockey court for JPP & Lower Nike.

Before adjourning Mr. Weiss expressed some concerns over parked vehicles on the LaCrosse fields and the need for better directional signing for parked cars. There are currently no parking restrictions prohibiting this. Staff agreed to explore better signage for the area.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon the motion of Mr. Piotrowicz, seconded by Ms. Rice, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Timothy J. Tieperman