



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION MEETING**  
*March 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Rick Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Present were Mr. Weiss, Mr. McNulty, Ms. Schemm, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Piotrowicz Mrs. Halber and Mr. Smith. Also present was Supervisor John Paul, CFO Barry Luber and Vivian Bell.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Weiss led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting was submitted by Mrs. Rice; seconded by Mrs. Schemm and passed 6-0, with Mrs. Halber abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

- a) **Open Space Task Force:** Ms. Schemm stated that they had their reorganization and discussed the approach that will be taken to work on the list of properties for trails.
- b) **Bike and Hike Committee:** No report
- c) **Environmental Advisory Council:** Mrs. Schemm reported that the EAC is a very productive board and that they have great projects going on.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 2) **Field Maintenance Agreements:** Mr. Weiss stated that there is nothing new to report since the last meeting and that he needs to set up a meeting with Mr. Tieperman to discuss the issue.
- 3) **Twin Oaks Lacrosse Project Update:** Mr. Weiss reported that this field is not ready yet and that Lacrosse is still using the soccer fields at King Park.

Mr. Weiss noted that he is concerned about the conditions of the fields, and stated that in his opinion they should be closed until further notice.

A discussion followed with the general consensus being that the fields should be protected from damage. A motion was submitted by Ms. Schemm to recommend that the fields be posted and closed until further notice; seconded by Mrs. Rice and passed 6-0 with Mr. Weiss abstaining. Mr. Paul suggested that the sports organizations also be notified.

- 4) **PECO Trail Update:** Waiting on PECO for required permits in order to develop the bid specs

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 5) **Barness Park Improvements:** Township Manager not present to discuss.
- 6) **Willow Knoll Park Improvements:** Mr. Weiss stated that a good list of recommendations were made for this park.

Mr. Paul stated that right now the township is waiting on One-Call. Once that is done everything will be removed from the tot lot and matting and mulch will be put down.

- 7) **Warrington Day Update:** Mr. Luber reported that the township is moving forward with plans for Warrington Day. Letters were sent out about a month ago for sponsorship and we have already received several. Vendor letters are going out soon and most of the entertainment schedule is complete. He also stated that rather than all small individual tents there will be two large tents (60 x 100) that will each hold about 20 vendors and 20 to 30 small tents plus the pavilions. The one issue last year was the backing up for loading and unloading but this is going to be resolved by putting in another stone road past the parking lot creating a circle for ease of entry and exit.
- 8) **Swim Club Fee Update:** Mr. Luber stated that the fees for the swim club are posted on the website. Family membership fees remained the same (\$425 for residents and \$450 for non-residents) with a five percent discount if paid by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Daily fees were reduced by \$1.00.

Mr. Luber noted that a Consortium of Swim Club Operators has been formed and monthly meetings are conducted. This is good as it gives us an idea of what others are charging and getting good ideas. One is to all get together and do cooperative buying of chemicals.

- 9) **Warrington Swim Team Negotiations:** A meeting was held with the Swim Team directors to discuss them becoming a stand-alone organization. There is only one other township who pays the coaches and that is Northampton – most of the others do stand alone as their own entity. It was a little too late to get it done this season. We'll meet with them again to work out the details.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10) **Mobile Home Purchase:** The Board of Supervisors voted against the purchase of a FEMA mobile home for Twin Oaks Day Camp. Mr. Paul stated that there was no problem with the concept; however, over time it would need too much upkeep and become an eyesore. It would be better to put up a permanent building that would be able to have multiple uses. We could build it ourselves or utilize the Tech School.

**11) Warrington Youth Baseball's Batting Cage Proposal:** Mr. Weiss stated he still needs to meet with Tom Grochowski to review the proposal.

**12) Trails at Bradford Dam:** Ms. Halber commented about how impressed she was to see the trails all cleaned up after the winter storms. She then submitted a motion to express appreciation to the Public Works Department for all their hard work in the cleanup from the winter storm damage. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rice and passed unanimously.

**13)** Mr. Luber stated that the Snyder house on Bristol Road will be torn down any day. After that a concept plan needs to be developed for additional parking for Barness Park.

**14)** Mr. Weiss stated that the walking trail at IPW needs paving and asked if it could get on a schedule for repaving.

Mr. Paul stated that this can't be done as part of the road repaving bid; however, he will have the township engineer take a look at it.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was submitted by Ms. Schemm; seconded by Mrs. Rice and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Vivian Bell