



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION MEETING**  
*October 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Rick Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Present were Mr. Weiss, Mr. McNulty, Mrs. Rice, Ms. Schemm, Mr. Smith and Mr. Piotrowicz. Ms. Halber and Mr. Richino were absent. Also present was Township Manager Timothy J. Tieperman and Supervisor John Paul.

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of both the August 23, 2012 and September 27, 2012 meetings was submitted by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. McNulty and passed unanimously.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Ravi Raju Kalisdindi of 583 Mockingbird Way appeared before the Board to ask if there was any update on moving forward with the Bradford Pedestrian Bridge.

Mr. Paul stated that the Township Engineer is working on obtaining permits from DEP for this project which has grant money available.

Mr. Kalisdindi asked if the bridge would be done by next summer. Mr. Paul replied that it is not far away but the engineering firm must review the permit and they will have to go out for bids. Once bids are accepted it may take thirty to sixty days to start and should take a couple of months to do the work.

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3. **Open Space Task Force:** Ms. Schemm asked Mr. Tieperman if the Board of Supervisors had reviewed the deed restrictions for the 76 acres at IPW and Twin Oaks. Mr. Tieperman stated that it was accepted subject to the Solicitor's review. It was explained that this restriction would prevent any future Board from selling open space.

Mrs. Rice asked if the Task Force had looked at the Bill presented by Brian Cutler from the 100<sup>th</sup> District (House Bill 2224). The bill has died temporarily but if passed would permit the municipality to sell open space without going to court. If this bill comes back and passes, it would be a detriment to the open space program.

4. **Bike and Hike Committee:** No report – Meeting cancelled for lack of quorum

5. **Environmental Advisory Council:** Mr. Tieperman noted that he met with Ivy Ross and Fred Suffian to discuss the referendum posters and handouts for Election Day. this from

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6. **Strategies for Open Space Referendum:** Mr. Tieperman stated that there are signs posted around the Township and they would like to get volunteers to be at the voting precincts to hand out brochures. Since this is a non-partisan referendum, no party members handing out political materials can hand these out.
7. **Review 2013 Park Capital Plan:** Mr. Tieperman stated that a draft Capital Improvement Plan was presented to the Board of Supervisors at Tuesday evening's meeting. Included in the plan is the relocation of the Philadelphia Avenue Tot Lot and the Lower Nike Pavilions. The Township has gotten permission to use the County Open Space money towards these projects.

Mrs. Rice stated that she has gotten some complaints that there is no parking by the pavilions and that those with problems walking cannot climb the hill to get there.

There was a brief discussion and Mr. Paul stated that when the work is planned they will be looking at alternatives to make it more accessible.

Mr. Rice asked about the "Tennis Court Repair/replacement" shown on the CIP. Mr. Paul stated that the courts behind Barclay School need to be resurfaced. The ones behind the Swim Club got a two-year patch and are holding up very well.

Mr. Weiss mentioned that the Ice Skating Rink at Lower Nike has never worked. He suggested that perhaps this could be made into a facility to play regular street hockey.

Mr. Paul stated that this could be put into a suggestion to the Board.

Ms. Schemm asked what kind of insurance liability this would create. Mr. Tieperman stated he would have to check with the insurance company.

Mrs. Rice suggested checking with the Flyers Organization to see what they would have to offer from their foundation.

8. **Review Proposed Revision to Township's Park Ordinance (Chapter 16):** Mr. Weiss stated that as planned, he met with Mr. Tieperman, Ms. Halber and Supervisor Yannich to talk about and review the current Park Ordinance. The first thing that was taken care of is the section on Hunting. The corrections were made and this will go on the next Board of Supervisors meeting for approval.

Mr. Weiss added he looked over the other changes made and made some comments and suggestions for changes such as lowering the speed limit in the parks to 15 mph; changing the gathering number from 20 to 15 and add more language to the "Pets and Animals" section.

Everyone was asked to review these and offer their input at the next meeting.

- 9. Warrington Youth Baseball – King Park Baseball Field Proposal:** Mr. Weiss presented a proposal from Warrington Youth Baseball for repairs and renovations that they would like to made at King Park. He indicated that approval of this is a timing issue so that it can be completed before the next baseball season.

Mrs. Rice commented that this association has a tendency to take over. The township should first check on the status of fields needed by Girls Softball. She also noted that they were supposed to make repairs and corrections to Barness Park and have not done that yet.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Smith suggested that before going any further, the baseball organization should be given the opportunity to come in and address the issues brought up this evening.

A motion was submitted by Mrs. Rice to not approve the proposal by Warrington Youth Baseball to do repairs and renovations to King Park until the Park and Recreation Board has the opportunity to have all their questions answered.

The motion was seconded by Mr. McNulty and passed unanimously.

Mr. Weiss was asked to invite the Youth Baseball Organization to the next meeting and be prepared to present their plan and answer questions on it.

- 10. Post Warrington Day Follow-up and Plans for 2013:** Mr. Tieperman stated that a committee has already been set up and working on plans for Warrington Day – 2013. The venue will be changed and there will be no carnival. The plan is to hold it at Lower Nike.

Mr. Paul stated that the Board would like to make this more of a community event. The carnival takes away from the sense of community. The Township is already working on getting sponsors and instead of just vendor booths some of the ideas are to have bike decorating, concerts, a petting zoo and fireworks. The plan is to also have the date in October and combine it with a Harvest Fest type of venue.

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- 11. Twin Oaks Lacrosse Project Update:** It was reported in a memo from Dick Wieland of Carroll Engineering that they are working on a grading plan for this field and were informed by the BCCD that since the earth disturbance will exceed one acre in area, that it will require

an NPDES permit, which requires that a lot more detail be provided. They are working on that application and will have it complete in the next couple of weeks.

**12. Field Maintenance Agreement Updates:** This item was tabled.

**13. Doylestown Dog Park:** A discussion was held regarding the parking issue since Doylestown opened their Dog Park.

Mr. Paul stated that this has been discussed by the Board of Supervisors; however it is not an easy solution and they are not sure what to do about it. There is substantial room there for developing more parking but no resolution has been reached yet.

#### **Other Business**

**14. Planting Proposal by Veterans Affairs Committee:** Mr. Weiss stated that the Veterans Affairs Committee would like to plant some shrubbery around the War Memorial to stop unauthorized access to the front and back of the memorial and protect it from damage. A motion was submitted by Mrs. Rice to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the planting of shrubs by the Veterans Affairs Committee around the War Memorial subject to the Township's approval of the design and landscape materials.

Mrs. Rice's motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mrs. Rice motioned, seconded by Mr. Piotrowicz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Bell