



MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

November 16th, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Call to Order at 7:34pm

Present: Andy Oles, Rick Weiss, Ruth Schemm, Mike Diorka, Joanne Mancini; Beth Illg, Carol Rice, Bob McNulty

Absent: Patrice Tisdale

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND POSTING TO WEBSITE

October 2020 - Motioned by Beth Illg, seconded by Carol Rice, passed unanimously, Bob McNulty abstaining

Motion by Bob McNulty, seconded by Mike Diorka

Get minutes from Committees instead of having Liaisons

Ruth - not just what's in the minutes, but the dialoging, it would enrich the discussion for Parks and Recreation Board, the minutes not always capture the conversations

Bike and Hike, EAC, and Open Space committees are the committee's we are speaking of.

Mike D - The liaisons should have the mission to what these committees are about and their charges. So that you can be more informed at the meeting to what they are

Bob Motioned; Joanne seconded, Bob approved, Rick, Mike, Beth, declined; Carol abstain:
Motion declined

Liaisons to discuss with their committee for the mission statement and charges.

COMMENTS *(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.)*

PRESENTATIONS BY GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS

Bristol Road Quarry Trac Sports Complex: Presentation and Q&A: Wayne DiMarco Mid-Atlantic Sports Construction; Eric Killenbeck, President of Warrington Soccer, Jeremy Victor, Executive Director of Warrington Soccer:

Q: Question; A: Answer; C: Comment

Q: Mike: 15 acres, stake holders, when did this all come about?

A: Andy: a study came out from U of Maryland, that has athletic fields on it. This came to light possibly around 2011.

A: Rick - this concept and drawing, possibly not this exact drawing, when the zoning request came in from the Quarry, they sent a plan for fields on this land, that it would be donated from the quarry company

A: Andy: dug up the plans and and spoke with other Township P&R directors whom know of and have used/had needs that Mid-Atlantic Sports Construction could look at

Q: Mike - Wants to know if this is the only concept that the township has received?

C: Ruth - We are so much at the beginning, let's have Wayne show the presentation

C: Andy - No money has been approved for this, it is a concept

C: Eric - Andy asked about the concept and in concept Warrington soccer would put forth funds and see it as a commitment and would fundraise as part of the cost.

C: Mike - Every year that there is a delay, there is likely a 4% increase in price, I can't help but to stop and think about Barness and the drainage issues that are there. Should there be a master plan, maybe there needs to be a participatory planning group about the needs and maintaining of these fields that we already have. A lot to be considered here, there better be some good funding put in place and the fields are having some issues that still need to be addressed.

Q: Bob - We've spent millions on drainage, are they still having drainage issues at Barness?

A: Andy - Yes, the fields are still having issues

A: Ruth - Yes there are unground systems put into place.

C: Ruth - Solar Panel farm not emerging for EAC, it is emerging from Fred Gaines

C: Mike - committee should be formed about the different details

C: Carol - We concentrate more on male sports, and not on female sports, sports go in ebbs and flows, we need to begin to think about women in sports.

C: Rick - Recommendation is to keep looking at this project and feels we should make a motion to develop this piece of property for sports field. I think this is a worthy project and does think it will enhance the township and provide a better place to play and also give the organization that uses the fields opportunities for tournaments and monetary gains for the township and local businesses

C: Mike - Would like a schematic design, and line items with prices, need to start with funding first

Q: Jeremy - What would the committee need for the board to be able to get in front of the BOS to grant

the permissions for this land?

Q: Beth - Should we give the other sports teams the ability to put forth concepts?

A: Rick - The main question right now is what is the intention of this property

Q: Fred Gaines - What are the townships needs for the next 15-20 years, is there a master plan on the fields, do we have enough, is there too many.

C: Mike - Agree with FG needs a blue print/road map of where we want to go. How do we make the ball parks seem like parks

Beth motions to recommend to the BOS that the development into this property is for sports fields, Mike seconds, unanimous approval. Passes.

C: Jeremy - would be happy to work with PR Board on the Study for the sports

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Bike and Hike Trails Committee
 - a. Did not have a meeting since our last meeting
2. Environmental Advisory Council
 - a. Mike sent out the notes, EAC brought up the 15 acres, and the idea of a solar farm
3. Open Space and Land Preservation Committee
 - a. Rick - conservation easement for IPW, the lawyer is preparing it
 - b. Ruth - suggesting putting an Easement on LPP, will see what the lawyer said
 - c. Study/conversion of pond to wetlands - 2022 - conceptual plans March/April 2011
 - d. Wiesel PECO grant approved \$10,000
 - e. \$282k grant for a segment B connector
 - f. Master plan for Wiesel and xx farm is moving along
 - g. Signs for open space should be done this month, hopefully installed soon
4. **Mary Barness Community Pool Committee; Recent Meeting and Reports Summary**
 - a. Will not meet until January 2021
 - b. Getting the committee set up for Marketing, will walk with EAC about planting trees and flower boxes

5. Directors Report, (BOS Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports from other Boards, Committees to BOS).

- a. Andy - board approved Fireworks action
- b. Andy - ribbon cutting for new police station on Friday, top notch facility, will really help our police grow for the future
- c. Bradford Dam trailhead - a new sign has been ordered, JPP at Lower Nike, an updated Map from CKS
- d. CKS GIS department to create a map for all the maps of the township
- e. Hunting ordinance - waiting for lawyer verbiage
- f. MOU for the park and Josh Adams Foundation and confirm the creation of the park
 - i. Agree to work with the township and where the funding is coming from
- g. Connector B - grant was submitted, a lot of support from local politicians, everything you need in a grant application, she has got it. It is an interracial part in getting us on the circuit. The plans and easements are in place. Really enhancing our trails. The Bridge to nowhere will cross at the light and then go to wedge way and then to Easton Road. The gaps are being filled in.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sports Teams Agreements; Let's get started back on these.
2. Lions Pride Opening Recap
3. Field Use Fee Letter; Sent/Feedback?
 - a. Letters went out to sports clubs
 - b. There has not been any negative feedback

NEW BUSINESS

1. Web Site Upgrade, Navigation and P&R Information
 - a. Website is being redesigned, Jackie is working on it per Ruth
 - b. Beth offered to help the design process
2. Liaison Reports Format and Presentation (Prior to reports)
 - a. Rick - to highlight some of the key points and would like 5 minute bullets
3. Notify Sports Organizations of Annual Report/Update To P&R Board Request (Dec./March)
 - a. Rick to work with Andy about an update for allocation fields and process, hearing from them will be instrumental.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Beth/Andy met with Dan Merz

- Fencing - is the townships responsibility for Barnes Field
 - Andy went to the fields with CKS - to discuss options, underground system for drainage
 - Is there gross negligence for the company that did the updates to the park
 - Additionally, spoke with Dan Merz about a feasibility study for items to be addressed at all the sports field
- December meeting is 21st at 7:00pm: motion by Mike, second by Joanne to change time to Park and Rec Board meeting to 7:00PM,

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Mike, second Joann, 10:04PM