



## MINUTES

### WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

December 21, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

##### Call to Order at 7:05pm

**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

November 2020 - Not Approved, will revise and approve in January 2021

**PUBLIC 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

Request and Proposal to Install Lights on the (2) Girls Softball Fields at Barness Park. Given by Ken Griffin, Coach and Eric Pincus, President of WWSO

Ken Griffen - proposal for lights on 2 of the softball fields at Barness, has 5 years of experience coaching softball, Warrington resident

Roman Leshak - Coach in the organization for about 8 years, not a Warrington resident

Eric Pincus - New elected president, has been on the board a few years, is a Warrington resident.

Ken - Presentation on Purchasing and installing field lights on 2 softball fields at Barness. started researched lights in August 2020. The WWSO is the largest female organization in Warrington Township. Request is for Warrington Softball to fund the purchase of lights. Adding lights will provide safety, flexibility of scheduling, extend playing times. April — June/July and then Fall season runs up into the first or second week in November. It is consistent with other township parks and other future projects within the Warrington Community. The improvements would increase engagement in recreational programs within the Township. Currently 450 - 500 girls in WWSO. This is the largest all girl league in Warrington Township. Men's Softball (Over 50 - slow pitch) also uses the softball fields.

Mike - Neighbors having an issue with the lights, Did Musco look at the polls that are already there to try and double up on the lights.

Rick - The Upper Field lights have been there for a number of years, and the other 2 baseball fields were installed in 2015.

Ambient don't go 10 feet outside the light, the glow light over the top is negligible.

Mike - Are the lights going to ecstasically look the same as the Baseball Fields?

Ken - The polls will look pretty much the same and the lights will be LED, just as the baseball fields.

Two Proposals:

Musco handles the entire projects from start to finish: each field \$175K - \$190K

Only the Musco equipment is purchased and WWSO/Warrington Township hire subcontractors to install the equipment: each field \$105 - \$125K

Musco Provides product assurance and warranty program that includes maintenance for 25 years. The estimated cost to each Warrington resident for this project is \$0.62/year

Rick - the past 2 projects the Township did for install of lights, they both decided to go with Musco handling the entire project.

We can tie in the account for the software for controlling the lights.

Musco is in the co-stars group, therefore, the township would not need to get quotes from additional suppliers.

Andy - This wouldn't be in the budget for 2021. Possibly be able to get a grant from Softball governing bodies to be able to cover costs.

Mike - What does Warwick play a role in the organization.

Eric - The difference between Warwick and Warrington residents, how many people are coming from Warwick vs Warrington.

Andy - After this season, we will be able to make a better determination, because non-residents have to pay a higher fee.

Mike - It makes sense to do this as to support the female sports as the men's sports are supported. We need a sports field study.

Joann - Temporary lighting if they can't get the funding to be put in for 2021?

Rick - All the facilities with lights - Football paid for their lights, King Park 2 - Township 100%, Barness 50/50 Baseball and Township.

Mike - Lights schedule? What time do they lights go on and what time do they go off?

Ruth - New home developments, need to sign off on about lights on fields near the homes.

Beth - How many additional tournaments could Warrington host having these lights installed?

Ken/Roman - Adding additional tournaments and opportunity for rainouts to occur later on in the day.

Mike wants to make a motion that for any additional information on items proposed, we need more details  
Carol seconds the motion, All in Favor.

Unofficially, we are in agreement on needing the lights, but need to look at funding.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### 1. Bike and Hike Trails Committee

- a. Met last Wednesday, December 16th, added signage on trail “no vehicular traffic”
- b. Folly Road crossing from IPW to Lower Nike and a flashing signal for the crossing.
- c. Trail connection: Warrington Enclave trail has begun.
- d. Construction on Pickertown has begun.
- e. Signage down at the Fishing area, at JPP and Bradford Dam.
- f. Parks and Trails Map - CKS sent a draft of the map
- g. New sign for JPP Trail Head has arrived and will be installed.
- h. Amenities for 202 Trail
- i. Rick - Distance marker follow up on the major trails?
- j. Look into if there is an ordinance for when the snow needs to be cleared

### 2. Environmental Advisory Council

- a. Bucks County Transition Report
  - i. Adopt a “Ready for 100% Clean Energy” Resolution

### 3. Open Space and Land Preservation Committee

- a. McNanny Property, looking to do an easement or a compromise of working with the builder and Township to make the best possible agreement
- b. Liked the idea of the 15 acres on Bristol for a Sports Facility, there could be grant money available.
- c. Bucks Beautiful donating trees - Warrington is on the list
- d. Natural Lands Trust asked for non-affiliated residents to be interviewed about what they

think the 3 properties should include

- e. Joint meeting with BCT, EAC, Open Space, and Park and Rec
  - f. Signs are complete, waiting for roads to clear to install them
4. Mary Barness Community Pool Committee; Recent Meeting and Reports Summary
- a. No Meeting in December, will regroup in January
  - b. Planter Boxes, Tree Care etc. to discuss with EAC and programming at the pool
5. Directors Report, (BOS Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports from other Boards, Committees to BOS).
- a. Cost of redoing a pool is \$3 million
  - b. MOU from the Adams Family Organization for them to update the park
  - c. Starting to work on the Storm Water Management
  - d. Township did pass a firework ordinance
  - e. Contest for Fireworks education signage
  - f. Township Website - adding videos and content for better communication with residents

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Sports Teams Agreements; Let's get started back on these.
2. Notify Sports Organizations of Annual Report/Update Request to P&R Board
3. P&R Documents Discussion Mike's P&R Vision Inquiry
  - a. Mike - When Andy was hired and Rick came back to the board, there was talk about the vision and purpose of the board and what we were responsible for
  - b. Rick - Vision of the Parks and Rec Board should follow the Pathways Document, to provide fun, safe and useful activities with parks for our residents. How we do that? By working with sports teams and the trail committees.
  - c. Mike - The pathways document gives a guided tour of what could/should be updated. Where are we and what still needs to be done.
  - d. Rick - Having liaisons is beneficial to know what is going on.
  - e. Board create a "wish list" from the Pathways document
  - f. Ruth - how might we think about ownership and pride now that we have created many new attractions that will need to be maintained and we need make the residents aware of it.
  - g. Carol - We do not have the expansive ideas for non-athletic events.
  - h. Andy - We are looking into converting an older building into a recreation facility. Looking for a place for science and arts programs.
  - i. Rick - The wellness center has activities and programs
  - j. Rick - this Board is an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Adams Project Update, Agreement and Breakout of Improvements, (Basketball Courts)
2. Next Phase of Lions Pride (Wetlands)
  - a. In the design phase, Princeton Hydro is designing, waiting back to hear on the grants, convert pond to wetlands was a recommendation from EAC.
  - b. Original plan was 5 phases, some of the phases were mixed together.
  - c. Rick - the wetlands and boardwalk is next, redoing the parking lot are 2 items that are up next. The building renovation is an option.
3. EAC and Open Space Charges FYI as Requested
  - a. Documents sent out
4. January Meeting Protocols: Elections and Liaison Assignments
  - a. Elect Officers and reassign liaisons
  - b. No public invitations

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

No Official Study Done On The 15 Acres – by the Township

1. Board Members: Create a list of programs and facilities that you would like to include as wish list

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn Carol, second Bob 9:54PM