



**WARRINGTON PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

APRIL 23, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Carol Rice, Chairperson. Also in attendance were Robert McNulty, Vice-Chair; David Weaver, Michael Richino and Ruth Schemm. Staff attending were Carolyn Hanel, Director of Parks and Recreation and Trevor Dane, Parks and Facilities Foreman
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Rice led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

4.1 Warrington Soccer League Field Lighting Proposal: Allen Stretton from Warrington Soccer updated the Park and Rec Board on their interest in lighting soccer fields; either at Twin Oak or King Park.

Twin Oaks: The league is proposing permanent lighting at this site. Four (4) poles holding 9 lights each would be installed on a 350 x 300 yd area. Cost is estimated at \$90,000-\$95,000. Temporary lighting at this site would cost approximately \$10,000-\$15,000. Mrs. Hanel commented that the lighting fixtures from Millcreek had been saved and are being stored.

King Park 6 Temporary light would be installed for use this fall with the permanent lights to be installed in 2010.

The Soccer League indicated that they will return to the May meeting with some cost proposals. The PRB reminded Mr. Stretton that any lighting would have to be reviewed/approved by the Township Lighting Consultant.

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

5.1 Park and Recreation Department Monthly Report: Mrs. Hanel briefly reviewed the department activities for April. Trevor Dane updated the PRB on parks maintenance activity.

5.2 Memorial Day Update: Mrs. Hanel advised the PRB of the plans for the May 25 event. Five veterans' names have been engraved on the monument

5.3 Barnes Park Bathrooms: The PRB discussed an incident of vandalism on April 18 that left the Barnes Park bathrooms unusable. The bathrooms have been cleaned and are in good working order again. A new cleaning firm has been retained to clean the

bathrooms. The PRB then discussed how to prevent future incidents. It was suggested that (1) the restrooms be locked earlier in the evening; *e.g.*, 8:30 p.m. and (2) install a dummy surveillance camera to deter future vandals. Mrs. Hanel commented that if another incident this serious occurs, the bathrooms will be locked and port-a-potties will be installed as an alternative.

5.4 Other Miscellaneous Items

a. Transient Vendors: Mrs. Hanel presented a draft amendment to the Parks Rules which would prohibit vendors from selling goods or food in Township Parks. Mrs. Hanel explained that this is a security issue as the vendors are not subject to background checks. On motion by Mrs. Schemm, seconded by Mr. Richino, the PRB unanimously recommend that the Board of Supervisors amend the Township Code to include the following rule:

ö18. No person or business shall set up any booth, table, stand or vehicle for the sale of any article or food whatsoever, within the limits of the parks, without the consent of the Board of Supervisors, which shall have the authority to refuse such consent in any instance, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board All requests must be in writing to the Park and Recreation Board. The police will be notified of any permits or authorization.ö

b. Use of metal detectors: The PRB discussed a request for permission to use a metal detector in the Township Parks. After some discussion it was agreed to deny the request. The PRB concern was a precedent that others might see the metal detector in use and assumes that it is permitted. There was also some concern about the disturbance to the parks and also security issues.

6. DISCUSSION – CLASSIFICATION OF OPEN SPACE: Michael Mrozinski, Director of Planning and Economic Development provided an overview of land use issues and preliminary information for classification of open space. Mr. Mrozinski suggested starting with an inventory of Township owned open space. It was agreed that staff would provide an inventory for review at the May meeting.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

7.1 March 26, 2009: On motion by Mr. Richino, seconded by Mrs. Schemm the Minutes of March 26, 2009 were unanimously approved as written.

8. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

8.1 Protection of Natural Habitats: Mrs. Schemm suggested that staff obtain more information on the variety of habitats at Lower Nike Park. The Park and Rec Board also recommend contacting Buck County Parks Department and request that they modify their mowing schedule to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Hanel, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation