

**Warrington Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2012**

PRESENT: Lori Halber
Robert McNulty
Ted Piotrowicz
Ruth Schemm
Patrick Smith
Richard Weiss
Jeanine Winslow

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:37 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The August 23, 2012 minutes were tabled for the November, 2012 meeting.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Gary Mauz, 879 Euclid Ave., Warrington, addressed the Board regarding hunting on township property. He indicated he was denied a permit this year (archery) due to a moratorium and wanted the Board to know he was still interested in the permit, is an ethical hunter and is another set of eyes out there for the township. Rick Weiss advised the Park and Recreation Board had nothing to do with the institution of archery hunting and the Board was not asked for a recommendation. Issuing of permits for hunting in the parks have been put on hold until we receive clarification from the Police and Zoning Departments as well as the PA Game Commission on hunting in recreation areas.

Rick Weiss moved one new business item up on the agenda for the convenience of the resident.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hughes Proposal, 819 Princeton Dr. – Mr. Ken Hughes proposed to donate and plant trees on township property directly behind his property adjacent to the overflow parking lot at King Park. The tree line ends at their property line and they propose to continue the tree line to obscure their view of the parking lot. Anthony Indelicato of Contemporary Gardens advised they are proposing to plant a quantity of 12, 5 to 6 foot tall white pine trees, #1 heavily sheared. White pines are heavy shedders in the fall creating their own mulch blanket making them maintenance free. Ted Piotrowicz indicated the township has an ordinance on approved tree choices and he assumed white pines are on the list. Rick Weiss said a permit would be required and asked about the trees dying/replacement. Anthony Indelicato said he normally gives a one year guarantee and would change this to a two- year dedication guarantee.

Ruth Schemm motioned to approve the Hughes' proposal and Patrick Smith seconded the motion with all others in favor. The Board recommended that the Hughes move forward for a Zoning permit.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Bike and Hike Committee:

- Fishing Derby, September 8, 2012** – Gerry Sapers submitted a summary report to the Board.
- Family Camp Out** – Scheduled for October 13 and 14, 2012 at Twin Oaks Day Camp.
- Environmental Advisory Council** – No update
- Open Space** – Ruth Schemm reported she is waiting for feedback of their deed restriction proposal for 76 acres (Twin Oaks, Lower and Upper Nike Parks). The open space referendum is extremely general with little publicity to date; however, most people are in favor of open space.

The Board had a general discussion regarding their concerns that trail systems for new developments must be installed before new developments are established.

Lori Halber motioned that the Board strongly recommend that the Board of Supervisors would not approve any plan which does not include a trail plan nor open space; Ruth Schemm seconded the motion with all others in favor.

Ruth Schemm motioned that the Board recommends proposing to the Board of Supervisors that a traffic engineering study be conducted to consider the future traffic on Folly Road between Street and County Line Roads, if and when Illgs is approved; Rick Weiss seconded the motion with all others in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Warrington Days Update – Mr. Tieperman reported net revenue of \$7300 despite the inclement weather. He stated the event was a success, although there have been discussions on where the venue will occur next year. A post-mortem meeting is planned.

Twin Oaks Day Camp Financial Report – Net loss of approximately \$20,000 was reported.

Swim Club Financial Report – Net loss of \$21,285 (cut in half; \$43,000 for 2011) was reported. It was noted that swim lesson profits were lower and concluded it was due to 3 sessions offered by American Pool Management (APM) for 2012 versus 6 sessions conducted in 2011. Lori Halber recommended that services which were meant to be offered and not in the APM contract, be restructured to counter the fewer swim lesson sessions, etc. Patrick Smith said there were four capital improvements to the swim club: laser scanner, bathroom floors, repair to concrete and installation of the lift chair.

Field Maintenance Agreement, Youth Baseball – Tabled for the November, 2012 meeting.

Field Maintenance Agreement, Soccer – Mr. Tieperman advised the Board of Supervisor approved the agreement on August 28, 2012.

Review of Park Regulations – Meeting set for October 10, 2012 at 8 a.m.

Philadelphia Tot Lot – Mr. Tieperman said we are waiting for an answer from the county on the land and this will be put on the capital budget for next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lacrosse Agreement – Tabled for the November, 2012 meeting.

Sports Field Turfing – Mr. Weiss reported three of the four soccer fields and area by the pavilions at Lower Nike Park were turfed by cars between last Friday evening and Saturday morning. It is suspected the turfing could have been done by C.B. South students who meet at Lower Nike before games given a few tips from CB South teachers/residents. The Public Works Department repaired the three soccer fields before Saturday's soccer schedule. Rick Weiss asked Tim Tieperman to look into purchasing three to four foot boulders to be installed at the parks to prevent vehicles from driving onto the fields.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Shortage of Trash Cans – Additional trash cans were requested for the parks (one per field). The basketball court at King Park also requires an additional can. Upper Nike Park has sufficient cans. Jeanine Winslow will request the cans from Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 p.m.