



## **Minutes**

### **WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD JOINT MEETING WITH *OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE, BIKE AND HIKE, ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND HISTORIC COMMISSION***

The Park and Recreation board meeting of March 22, 2018 called to order at 7:33 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance, Board of Supervisors Chair, Shirley Yanich, Carl Baker and Park and Rec Board Chairmen, Richard Weiss, Vice-Chairmen Robert McNulty, Jr. and Members Patrick Smith and John Heenan. Barry Luber, Township Manager was present for the meeting and minutes were prepared by Jacklyn Wilson, Township Administrative Support.

#### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 by Mr. Piotrowicz, seconded by Mr. Smith. Approved 5-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment.

#### **DISCUSSION ON PARK & REC. AND OPEN SPACE PLAN**

#### **LIAISON REPORTS**

1. Bike and Hike:
  - a. Reported that planning is in the works for trails and a family camping trip for the upcoming season. The committee has also started preparations for hikes and events for Warrington Day.
  
2. Environment Advisory Council:
  - a. Mrs. Ivy Ross reported community service day will be April 28, 2018. The council would like to increase the areas to clean up within the township and expressed interest to partner with the Park and Rec board for park clean up. The EAC has offered materials to aid in cleanup. Mr. Weiss mentioned that he is

planning to reach out to the local sports organizations who utilize the parks to assist with clean up.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### 3. Kids Mountain at Lions Pride

- a. Mr. Luber informed the board that Warrington Township will receive a grant for \$250,000 from the state. Next step is to go through a design process. The Lions were given other methods to fundraiser and they'll be seeking out these methods to do more fundraisings for the park.

Once the design process is complete and funds are secure, the fall season of 2018 is the soonest the project can go out to bid with construction to begin in possible March 2019. The future location of Kids Mountain will be at the former Twin Oaks Camp. The township will take steps in the upcoming season to demolish the bunks and prepare the land for future construction. Some of the current structures of the park will remain such as the tennis courts and playground.

In conjunction with the future construction, the EAC is planning to partner with the County and is looking to convert the current pond on the grounds into wetlands.

#### 4. Take nomination for the position of Secretary

- a. After a given opportunity to hear nominations, Mr. Wiess announced Mr. Heenan as secretary for the Park and Rec board until the reorganization in January.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Discuss field maintenance agreements

- a. Mr. Weiss indicated this topic will be more appropriately addressed with a discussion between Mr. Luber and Mrs. Jeanine Winslow of the Park and Rec department.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM by Mr. Wiess and to continue to the joint meeting and listen to a presentation by a guest speaker.

### **Guest Speaker Ryan Walker from Natural Lands**

Mr. Walker welcomed the present boards who came together in one meeting for this presentation to plan for the future of the open space within the Township. Next steps in the planning process will be to place comments in writing to create a revised plan. Once a revised plan is created the plan can be sent to the Board of Supervisors for review. Once the plan is adopted, it will be incorporated into the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Walker explained various aspects of the open space process one being storm water basins and discussed his thoughts on managing these and other spaces.

The committees discussed amongst each other of what they want to see in open space. They agreed that not every open space has to have a trail or park, but made mention to try to make certain areas welcoming to experience nature. Mr. Weiss made mention that the Township doesn't necessarily have staffing to manage these properties. Discussion continued of various thoughts of what open space should be listed within the plan.

Mr. Weiss mentioned that Parks and Open Space is a lot of area to cover and although current staff does a wonderful job, future planning may need to consider more staffing for the land.

The joint meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm by Mr. Weiss.