



## MINUTES

### WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 || 7:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting Held Both In Person At The Township Building And Via Zoom

**ATTENDEES:** Rick Weiss, Dr. Mike Diorka, Beth Illg, Patrice Tisdale, Joanne Mancini, Andy Oles, Eileen Albillar  
BOS Lieson: Ruth Schemm

#### CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:13PM

#### Board Reorganization/Election of Officers (Andy Oles)

Beth Nominated Rick to continue as Chairman, Joann 2<sup>nd</sup> ; All Approved  
Rick Nominated Beth for Vice Chair, Patrice 2<sup>nd</sup>; All Approved

Secretary Nomination is on hold until Board positions have been filled, until then Patrice has volunteered to take this position until fulfillment.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND POSTING TO WEBSITE

December 2021-with minor edits Mike motion to approve, Patrice 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Approved

**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

None

#### LIAISON REPORTS

1. Bike and Hike Trails Committee
  - a. Meeting held with re-organization; Seth continues as Chair, Scott Vice-Chair
  - b. The Goals for 2022 were discussed, reviewed for 2021
  - c. The plan is to fix anything to be better
2. Environmental Advisory Council
  - a. Community member, Lisa Macaulay, Girl Scout Troop Leader asked if there are any projects for the girls to earn badges to learn about trees, native plants vs. nonnative and ideas for various projects.

- b. Her oldest daughter, Katie worked on the Bird blind project. Barb Brown offered to expand the bird blind by planting native berry producing plants. Another suggestion was to help plant Mill Creek and perhaps some fundraising project to purchase additional shrubs. Ivy suggested working on an educational component to understanding native trees.
- c. Edible Forest Improvements and Proposal: PHS Trees hopes to have proposal emailed out this week. Barry and Joe Knox could support getting 15 trees. Received a proposal from Indigenous Ingenuities for comprehensive clean up on invasive plants along trails at the Bird Blind. Motion passed to spend \$2000 for next season.
- d. Approved Election of Officers for 2022:  
Fred Suffian – President; Ivy Ross- Vice Chair; Todd Baratz-Secretary
- e. Open Space Tree Removal by Resident  
Resident on Green Ridge Dr, didn't like the trees on the open space property behind her house and hired a landscaper to cut them all down, grind out stumps, graded and seeded. Township has police report with pictures. Follow-up discussion with Township officials, Supervisors, EAC and Open Space to come up with a plan to replace/replant area. Possibly notify property owners who border township open space about not removing trees and shrubs.
- f. Bucks Beautiful grant application has been submitted for Weisel Preserve. Looking to get \$5000. Next step is to get bids for planting as a result of previously awarded grants and matching grants they have a total of \$40,000.
- g. Lion's Pride Bird House Garden: Public Works reinstalled birdhouses on cedarwood posts at Lion's Pride Park with informational sign. Beacon app will also be available with installation instructions.
- h. Lions Pride Maintenance: Mountain was planted with pollinator plants within 'no mow' areas around it. Area hasn't been mowed in 3 years and invasive plants have grown. Contacted Indigenous Ingenuity to help restore area.
- i. Awarded Two Grants:  
Awarded \$500,000 grant to build a new community center to replace the red structure at Lion's Pride. Trail Grant: Received \$350,000 DCNR grant to connect segments B & C.
- j. Climate Action Update: Board of Supervisors approved survey/questionnaire. Distribution plans include having it posted on Twp Facebook page, send to volunteer list and possibly township webpage as well as published in the Warrington LINK. Hoping to get a fair amount of feedback.

- k. Open Space Update: Worked on a draft for the new development landscape ordinance to use 80% native plants.
- 3. Open Space and Land Preservation Committee
  - a. Ivy Ross - Chair, Bill - Vice Chair, Kathy – Secretary
  - b. Investigating possibility of changing advice agreement of Land Trust
  - c. Updating Open Space (That is changing over to Township Ownership) on the Trails, New Trails, and Bike and Hike Map; included Josh Adams Park, Tot Lots etc.
  - d. A Climate Action Plan Questionnaire was sent out to residents
- 4. Mary Barness Community Pool Committee; Recent Meeting and Reports Summary
  - a. No Meeting in January
  - b. Looking for new members for steering committee; can be non-resident
- 5. Directors Report, (BOS Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports), (Programs Update) (Annual Budget Status) (End Of Year/Season Reports)
  - a. Community Room Task Force held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting – Rick – Chair, Andy – Vice Chair, Chris McCann – Sec, along with Bill Connolly and Mike Diorka on the board. Meetings are held at 2pm on Fridays
  - b. Dr. Adams Park – baring any weather should be on schedule
  - c. Art Class – Sat Mornings to begin
  - d. Township Blood drive was held on 1/26
  - e. PennDOT to access 2 properties of theirs to extend our trails. Connect neighborhoods to 202 Bypass Trail; 84 acres trail below Bradford Dam Reservoir into Red Stone Drive

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Community Room Task Force – was addressed in the Directors Report

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. Candidate Interviews
  - a. 7:45 – Jim Keyser
  - b. 8:15 – Scott Vogin
  - c. 8:45 - Randy Levine
  - d. 9:15 – Dan Merz

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

(New Actionable items must be added to agenda under new business and revised agenda posted and made public)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Patrice motioned, Joann 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Approved 10:15pm