



MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

June 23, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting Held In-Person at the Township Building and Via Zoom

ATTENDEES: Rick Weiss, Beth Illg, Joanne Mancini, Dan Merz, and Lise Dietz

BOS Liaison: Eileen Albilar.

7:03 PM - CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND POSTING TO WEBSITE

May 2022 – Joanne motioned to approve, Dan seconded, Beth abstained, all others in favor, 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

Warrington Soccer Report and Discussion - presented by Eric Killenbeck, president

- Warrington Twp and Surrounding Areas, largest intramural in SE PA
> 30 travel teams, 500 participants, Intramural winter 500, Winter 150, Spring 500,
~50/50 paid and volunteer coaches
~60% Warrington residents, also Doylestown, Buckingham, Warwick, Horsham etc
- Very financially efficient club
expenses include permits, field maintenance, field rentals, subcontractors, etc
essentially net-zero charitable org
- Biggest challenge – lighted space needed for practice times
future need – consideration of turf fields as other clubs have. Open to working with girls field
hockey & lacrosse

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Bike and Hike Trails Committee

- a. No meeting this month
- b. Walk with Director, June 4th, 9am, Start from Lion's Pride
 - i. Andy did a great job
 - ii. Perhaps event could be specifically listed on township calendar to increase participation of future events (in addition to posting on FB page)
- c. Warrington Day – September 2022
 - 1. Fish Derby - Registration is open

2. Open Space and Land Preservation Committee

- a. Final Presentation of Land Trust for Mill Creek, Weisel, Emerson Farms
 - i. final presentation still to be made
 - ii. Weisel 100% complete
 - 1. Planting, bird box, benches, etc
 - 2. EAC, Open Space and all involved did a great job, really great new place to be
- b. Mowing – encroachment of resident on open space - Existing ordinance enforcement all that is needed to resolve
- c. Waste Plan (Pathways doc)
 - i. Ivy proposed amendment to add all dedicated open spaces
 - ii. Very specific, details, many considerations for effective implementation
- d. Beacon App at Lion's Pride
 - i. Still in progress
 - ii. Plan to expand to other areas of township
- e. Presentation to Board of Supervisors for Solar Panels on Township buildings
 - i. Lots of questions, research and discussion
 - ii. Big question – is it worth it?

3. Environmental Advisory Committee

- a. Meeting notes were not available at Parks & Rec meeting – see addendum below

4. Communication Advisory Board

- a. Meets every other month, next meeting July 18, 2022

5. Mary Barness Community Pool Committee; Recent Meeting and Reports Summary

- a. Three new and 3 current, need one additional member
- b. Membership up, well attended so far on hot days
- c. Swim teams doing well
- d. New shade canopies receiving good feedback and doing well
- e. Developing 5-year action plan after 84 years to bring pool forward to future and address current issues
- f. Lower pool losing water, looking at aquatic consultants
- g. suggest Pool Committee do informational presentation to Parks and Rec

6. Farmers Market

- a. Cancelled June 17th due to high winds
- b. First had 44 tents, 2 food tent/trucks
- c. Net income \$836, goes to Phase III of wetlands at Lion's Pride
- d. Facebook group up and running

- e. Possible sponsorship and scavenger hunt considered
 - f. Updating volunteer job descriptions
7. **Directors Report**, (BOS Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports), (Programs Update) (Annual Budget Status) (End Of Year/Season Reports)
- a. Postponed until next month (Andy's return)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Maintenance Agreement Updates
 - a. Warrington Soccer club is good
 - b. Baseball and softball progressing well
 - c. Football and swim team need additional follow up
 - d. Lacrosse and field hockey to be considered to add
2. Board Vacancy
 - a. Email from Patrice Tisdale taken to confirm her resignation from Parks and Rec board
 - b. All on board are appreciative of all contributions while active
 - c. Open position will be advertised
3. Short- and Long-Term P&R Goals
 - a. No news for this month
4. Community Room Update
 - a. Anticipate finalizing building design and hvac in ~3 weeks
 - i. Be available to share shortly after that time
 - b. Looking at Made-in-America components to reduce lead times
 - c. 2250 sq ft, stucco & stone in same manner as other twp buildings

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Program Ideas
 - a. To be discussed next month
 - b. Additionally open to any suggestions for new topics for agenda
2. Weisel Preserve Update
 - a. See Liaison Report; 2. Open Space & Land Preservation
 - b. Re-emphasize all the good work that went into this
 - c. Next project: Mill Creek & Wetlands
 - i. will involve coordination and cooperative efforts by all Warrington Twp boards
3. Warrington Day – Sept 24th, 12 to 5:30pm
 - a. Organize by July
 - b. Ideas – pinatas, maps, handouts
 - i. Suggestion of poster board with stickers for attendees to add to highlight areas of importance/interest to them
 - c. Ruth – possible special Equestrian involvement, Glow, mini horse may be open to participate

4. Farmers Market News
 - a. Moved to Liaison Reports

OTHER BUSINESS

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

1. Acknowledgement of excellent and very appreciated work by Warrington Police Dept and dedicated Officers to apprehend criminals responsible for attack and car-jacking at Luke Oil gas station

ADJOURNMENT

8:42 PM adjournment – Joanne motioned, Beth seconded, all approved.

ADDENDUM

1. Environmental Advisory Committee

- a. Meeting notes shared after P&R meeting
- b. Pollinator Garden at Swim Club
 - a. Looking for volunteers to plant
- c. Day Of Community Service Wrap Up
 - a. Approx. 100 volunteers for clean up and planting
 - b. Areas: rain garden, butterfly garden, two small gardens at Nike
- d. Bird Town – birding organization with no application or annual fee to join
- e. Gold Award Project – Girl scout to build bee habitat by Lower Nike
- f. Single-Use Plastic bags – BOS request EAC develop plan and committee
- g. Master Plan for Natural Lands – to be reviewed and updated
- h. Climate Action Plan
 - a. present to BOS to utilize solar energy
 - b. additional info needed