



MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

May 25, 2023

7:00 pm

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

ATTENDEES: Andy Oles, Dan Mertz, Joanne Mancini, Jim Keyser Lise Dietz, Ernie Rehr, Carl Doerr, Teri Taylor, Mike Diorka

BOS Liaison: Mike Diorka

7:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2023 MINUTES AND POSTING TO WEBSITE

Two changes noted. Joanne motion, Ernie second, all present at March 2023 meeting approve.

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.)*

- **Eric Pinkus – Softball Organizations**
 - **Lighting Update**
 - Softball board moved to have separate fund for this project
 - Looking at Halogen to keep in line with what baseball is using (~ \$175k - \$195k)
 - Andy recommends requesting quotes for Halogen and LED
 - Eric notes LED raises costs ~ \$20k per field, looking at for two fields
 - Andy notes he may have some ideas for grant opportunities for softball (specialized for organizations that do not own that fields – as exists here)
 - Mike recommends putting together a document with the formal plan for the lights to clarify, document, and validate the request so all will have formal access to the request and reason for request, specifically noting:
 - Reason for needing
 - How softball org intends to pay for their half
 - How softball org will keep payment commitment
 - What this improvement means to softball org, the kids involved, and the community

- **Fence Request Update**
 - Repair is holding up on current so can look to other issues.
 - Two quotes in process.
 - Dan notes three quotes for comparison will be helpful for the township to compare and requests a third be obtained to facilitate the process.
 - Quotes requested for standard chain link and upgraded vinyl coated fencing that is more in line with current sport facility fencing.
- **Marlene Fine – community resident**
 - Request for Dog Park within Warrington Township for Warrington residents
 - While Andy notes that dogs are welcome in all Warrington parks on lead, Marlene would like a place where dogs are able to run off lead
 - Marlene notes speaking with Ruth Schemm and BoS meeting
 - Doylestown currently charges \$65/year and she would like to see something similar for Warrington

LIAISON REPORTS

1. **Open Space and Land Preservation Committee** (May 09 2023, Dan)
 - a. Master Plan - Pond to Wetlands
 - i. Notice to proceed is currently held up, but expect this to clear and work to begin soon.
 - b. Day of Community Service May 20, 2023 successful with tree planting and trail maintenance
 - c. Trees on conservation easements
 - i. Homeowners are usually aware that their home borders a conservation easement
 - ii. Issues with trees removed by homeowners and how to prevent and address
 - iii. Developers need to replace in like kind (size or quantity of smaller to accommodate large one removed)
 - iv. Proposal to also plan tree plantings in active parks, in addition to passive.
2. **Open Space Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee** (Mike)
 - a. i.e. Mill Creek
 - b. Ready to proceed with recommendations to others
 - c. Areas covered:
 - i. Access shared with Lingo Landscaping – how and where to locate parking
 - ii. Continued review of police and EMS – access, “You are Here” signs, etc
 - iii. Roles of different groups involved
 - iv. Habitat restoration – most likely passive areas
 - v. Maintenance processes
 - vi. Wildlife study
 - d. Targeting formalization of recommendation by end of summer for review by BoS, P&R, B&H, & others
3. **Director’s Report** (Bos Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports), (Programs Updates), (Financial Budget Status) (Andy)
 - a. Committee Congress next week including housekeeping, procedural, etc. items on agenda to foster and move towards improved communications and uniformity of procedures for township boards and committees

- b. Pool opens on Saturday. All looks good.
- c. Farmers Market in third week
 - i. 4:30 – 7:30 pm at John Paul Park
 - ii. Will assess earlier time as season progresses
 - iii. Going well so far
 - iv. ~ 450 – 500 attendees last week
- d. Pool Grant
 - i. Progressing more quickly than expected
 - ii. Needed to expand on parts of grant for review by federal Land and Water
 - iii. Expect to hear further in fall 2023
- e. Memorial Day service for Veterans scheduled for sat at 11am with speakers, music, etc.
- f. Huge baseball tournament at Barness fields this weekend (fri to mon) with participation of 53 teams from the east coast of US – impressive!
- g. Coast Guard Safe Boating Certification program
 - i. First went well
 - ii. Finish with a certification earned
 - iii. Plan to run a few classes per year
- h. Community Room
 - i. Paper and shingles completed
 - ii. Moving to windows, etc., then interior work
- i. Lots of new week-long programs for kids this summer with 3 – 4 already filled enough to run.
- j. Eagle Scout Projects
 - i. Chimney Swift Tower behind Special Equestrians (Danny) completed. Job well done.
 - ii. Roger Tang – clean up and sign for spur trail via B&H
 - iii. B&H also working on mile marker program
 - a. Considering 202 to Bradford Dam
 - b. ½ mile increments
 - c. May be completed this summer
 - iv. Working on list of ideas to share with Scouts to help direct projects that are needed and beneficial to parks and twp
- k. Ernie requests expansion on comment about incorrect procedures for P&R meeting from Committee Congress above.
 - i. Noted difference between paid employees and volunteer appointments
 - ii. All sunshine laws were in compliance
 - iii. Issue seems to be lack of clarity, documentation, and uniformity of recommended procedures for township groups – to be discussed at the congress
- l. Dan reminds and request having a financial report (brief and concise) prepared to share with P&R at next meeting and going forward to keep all updated with necessary financial data.

OLD BUSINESS

1. AEDs for Youth Sports Programs

- a. Still waiting for receipt of Emergency Action Plans from all of the Sports Organizations (to be sent to Dan)

2. P&R Short Term and Long Term Goal Review (Lise)

- a. Completed. A few minor items updated.

3. Tot Lot Improvement Planning (Joanne)

- a. In progress, visits planned

NEW BUSINESS

1. Park Steward(s) Status

- b. Down one. Looking for another.
- c. Discussion on ways to make this job more current and relevant
 - a. What needs to be done to make position more consistent and consistently filled
 - b. Why is this such a struggle to keep this position filled?
 - c. Perhaps there is a need to re-visit the entire concept and what is needed for this job so the areas this position is designed to assist with are addressed

2. July 2023 Meeting

- a. P&R members to review their July schedules to see if this meeting should be cancelled (will enough members for a quorum be available to attend).

ADJOURNMENT

8:46 pm adjournment –Joanne motion, Ernie second, all in favor