



MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

October 26, 2023

7:00 pm

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

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

BOS Liaison: Mike Diorka

7:04 PM - CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL of September 2023 MINUTES and POSTING TO WEBSITE

Ernie motion, Carl second, all 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.)*

LIAISON REPORTS

1. **Open Space and Land Preservation Committee Update**
 - a. See Presentation Notes above
2. **Director's Report** (BoS Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports), (Programs Updates), (Financial Budget Status) (Andy)
 - a. Pond to Wetlands
 - a. Ivy gave presentation
 - b. De-watering process going well. Andy shared pictures
 - c. Boardwalk may be sooner than expected
 - d. All involved happy with progress
 - e. Will see vegetation, planting scheduled for spring, great for turtles
 - f. Will help water quality downstream as it acts as a filter
 - g. Focus on outdoor educational areas with classroom activities

- h. Five phases of area
 - i. Parking lot
 - ii. Multi-generational playground (lion's pride)
 - iii. Community room
 - iv. Pond to wetlands
 - v. Boardwalk in pond to wetlands
- b. Trail Connections
 - a. Two new sections – Warrington Leigh and Redstone Dr
 - b. PennDOT involved -they are open to agreement, need formal agreement with township assuming responsibility (liability) for areas
 - c. Warrington Leigh
 - i. Stump and 152, 6' wide by 140' long
 - ii. Requested by community members in adjacent neighborhood
 - iii. ~\$6k cost in paving, may tie in with other paving under way
 - d. Redstone Dr – nature walk, mowed and not paved
 - i. To Bradford dam area through the woods
 - ii. Also need to work with Bucks Co as they own this area
- c. Community Room
 - a. Final cement areas are poured
 - b. PECO out for electrical
 - c. Inside drywall done and mostly spackle-complete
 - d. Hvac going in
- d. Pool schedule for liner replacement to start next week
- e. Andy met with Little Tykes representative
 - a. Manufacture most of equipment in tot lot playgrounds
 - b. Rep had some recommendations such as replacing bushings on certain pieces of equipment to maintain functionality and safety
 - c. Rep recommended “flex-seal” for rusted and flaking areas
 - i. Andy committed to purchasing some and having public works address needed areas
- f. Barness
 - a. Will add some recycling cans (2) to assist with volume needed
 - b. Shed at Jack Toy will undergo demolition
 - c. Investigating setting up a “bin” for infield mix to make easier to access and use for field maintenance as needed
 - i. Location relative to dumpsters needs to be addressed
- g. Budget – Process is moving
 - a. Peter gave presentation on tues at 6pm that is available online for all to view

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Park Steward(s) status**
 - a. Yet another candidate did not work out
 - b. Only have inconsistent coverage of less than half the position
 - c. Discussion of WHY this position is so difficult to fill and keep filled
 - a. How can it be made more attractive?
 - b. Possibly increase pay to be more than \$15/hr
 - d. Continued issues of overflowing trash cans in several parks noted
 - e. Carl suggests possibly combining with public works and make a full-year part-time position

- with public works being able to use when not needed in winter for park steward
- f. Andy is requested to send board members description of both park steward as well as public works position so board can review both
 - g. May need to request that public works take a more active role in park steward area

2. **Budget discussions and recommendations update**

- a. Dan summarized and forwarded to Andy (completed on September 29, 2023)
- b. Requests:
 - 1. King Park Basketball Court and Tennis Area Improvements
 - i. Andy notes this will be incorporated into budget process
 - 2. Barness Park Fencing Repairs (we would like to see money budgeted over multiple years in the Capital Improvement Program starting in 2024).
 - i. Anticipate cost to be ~\$20k
 - 3. Tot Lot Fencing Upgrades / Repairs (money budgeted over multiple years starting in 2024)
 - i. Anderson way first priority followed by Dapple (no fences currently)
 - ii. Will prioritize repairs from there with risk assessment in mind
 - 4. Trash Can Replacement / Upgrades (money budgeted over multiple years starting in 2024)
 - 5. Barness Park Shade Structures
 - i. Will be investigated
 - 6. Finally, we would like to see cost budgeted in the later years for the addition of flushable toilet rooms along the Bristol Road side of Barness Park. The existing toilet rooms are aging, the reliability at large events is becoming a concern and the amount of users in the Park is growing every year. One solution could be a partnership with Baseball to replace the existing snack stand building and add toilet rooms to the building.
 - i. This is noted as a “capital” project and will be investigated for addition to capital schedule
 - ii. More specifics of project (mechanicals, etc) need to be defined
- c. Ernie requests reviewing specifics of P&R projects each month and how they are on target to anticipated budget amounts
- d. Andy’s request for an assistant, not a “no”.
- e. Roster Fees – Andy needs to confirm if we can “allocate” money received to specific sports field projects.
 - 1. Objective is to have any increases fund the areas – i.e. sports fields; where the funding is coming from – i.e. the sports organizations

NEW BUSINESS

1. **November Meeting**

- a. Occurs on thanksgiving
- b. Ernie motions to cancel, Lise seconds, all in favor, cancelled
- c. Discussion of december meeting after Christmas
- d. Noted possible to change meeting, but anticipate difficulty of finding spot on existing township calendar to schedule

2. **Warrington A's and Warrington Youth Baseball – Carl Doerr**
 - a. Two organizations will combine
 - b. Will provide better age-range continuity from younger to older players
 - c. Improved financials for one organization vs two
 - d. Maintenance contracts for each organization will need to be reviewed, updated and combined with new agreement executed

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Partnership with CBSD – Ernie Rehr**
 - e. Ernie notes he would like to talk with members of school board in our area for CBSD to partner with them for joint use of field areas for sports organization and activities
 - f. Benefit especially for field hockey and lacrosse
 - g. Specifically see CB South and Tamanend as two key locations

ADJOURNMENT

8:22 pm