



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2010**

A work session meeting of the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 5, 2010, 7:30 p.m., at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976, followed by the pledge of allegiance. The members present were as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

John Paul, Chairperson; Marianne Achenbach, Secretary; Michael W. Lamond, Jr., Assistant Secretary; Paul Plotnick, Member; Gerald B. Anderson, Member; Staff present were: Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; William R. Casey, Esq., Township Solicitor; and Carolyn Hanel, Director of Administrative Services/Parks and Recreation;

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Review and discuss the scope and charge of the Open Space and Land Preservation Task Force.**

Board members reviewed the resolution re-establishing the Open Space and Land Preservation Task Force, its membership composition, terms of office and charge. Consensus was that members should serve for a one (1) year term instead of a three (3) year term and that meetings should be held monthly. The Solicitor was directed to update this resolution with changes as noted by the Board.

2. **Non-Appointed Applicant List.**

The Township Manager was asked to contact residents interested in serving on various boards who have not yet been appointed to see if they are interested in serving on the Open Space and Land Preservation Task Force.

3. **Open Space Plan Update for Warrington Township (June 2010 Draft).**

The Board reviewed the Draft Open Space Plan Update for Warrington Township dated June 2010 as prepared by the Bucks County Planning Commission. The Update's purpose was to meet the requirements of the Municipal Open Space Program (MOSP) component of the Bucks County Open Space Program.

Under the County Open Space Program, \$26 million has been allocated to the MOSP, which provides financial assistance to municipalities for open space planning, acquisition, and development. To become eligible to receive MOSP funding, municipalities are required to re-examine and, where necessary, update existing open space plans. Warrington Township is eligible to receive \$637,867 in municipal funding (with a 25 percent match) through 2014.

Mr. Anderson said at every Bucks County Commissioners meeting there are at least two to three open space projects on the agenda. He stated that whenever there is an opportunity to acquire open space, attempts should be made to obtain the funding. He commented that more details needed to be included in the Final Update. It was pointed out that comments are needed as soon as possible by December 2010 to receive County funding. The County is currently finalizing a corrected version of the Plan which will incorporate comments received from the Park and Recreation Board. The final draft will be reviewed by the Park and Rec Board before final adoption by the Supervisors. Mrs. Hanel noted that the Open Space

Plan is a "living document" and the Open Space Task Force may recommend amendments and modifications to the Board of Supervisors at any time.

Mr. Tieperman distributed two (2) maps that he thought will help the Supervisors and future Task Force members to visualize the Township's existing open space inventory as well as the Master Plan for future trail linkages. He stated that Carroll Engineers is in the process of updating the maps and correcting some errors.

Mr. Plotnick said that when the Task Force is discussing potential acquisitions the TDR Committee members should be apprised of its deliberations. He suggested that the TDR Committee's role should be included in the final Plan Update and Task Force Report.

Mr. Paul said a decision needs to be made soon on what to do with the (1) 10 Folly Road (2) 2353 County Line Road.

(1) In reference to the 10 Folly Road property, Mr Paul would like to see the former one-room schoolhouse turned over to the Warrington Township Historical Society. Before the township makes any repairs it needs to be determined whether or not the Warrington Township Historical Society has any interest in leasing this property. It was reported that over a year ago a structural engineer evaluated the property and asbestos remediation had been done. Mr. Paul said a decision is needed to determine whether the Township wants to keep or raze the building and preserve the open space.

(2) Mr. Paul discussed 2353 County Line Road, commenting that the building on the property needs to be demolished and his recommendation is to bid the demolition of the building.

Mr. Anderson asked about the status of the Bradford Greene pedestrian bridge. It was reported that the preliminary planning was done but that a DEP permit is still needed to cross the creek. Mr. Anderson asked Mrs. Hanel if she would contact Bill Mitchell, Director of the Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation to confirm the amount of remaining County funds committed for the development of the Bradford Reservoir Trail. He suggested these funds could also be used for the pedestrian bridge project.

Mr. Anderson said also that the Board needs to appoint someone for Becky Kiefer to serve on the Community Development Block Grant Program Review Committee. Mr. Paul volunteered to be the Township representative. Mr. Anderson said we need to come up with a list of future projects for funding consideration.

Mr. Anderson opined that the park signs are a mess. Mrs. Hanel replied that a contractor is developing a proposal for replacement signs made from recycled material. She hopes to have prices to include the replacement signs in the 2011 budget and continue to replace signs each year.

Mr. Plotnick inquired about having a dog park in the township and whether or not the State would provide the necessary funding. Mrs. Hanel said the State will not fund the development of dog parks. Mr. Anderson said the County built a dog park at Core Creek Park, which now has over 700 members.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Plotnick motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Edited and Reviewed By:



Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager