

# Warrington Township



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## **Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**November 29, 2022**

**Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** William Connolly, Chairperson of the Warrington Township Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Connolly led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were:

William Connolly, Chairperson, Warrington Township Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee  
Eileen Albillar, Vice Chairperson, Warrington Township Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee  
Lynn Laurelli, Secretary, Warrington Township Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee  
Joanne Mancini, Member, Warrington Township Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee  
Christian Jones, Member, Warrington Township Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee

Also present were Vincent Kelly, Ivy Ross, Ruth Schemm, Rick Weiss, Mike Diorka, Patricia Tuberty, and Mike Delany, all members of the public. Additional members of the public attended the meeting virtually.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT - none**

#### **1. OLD BUSINESS: None**

#### **2. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **a. Consider October 20, 2022, Minutes for Approval.**

Mr. Connolly asked if there were any comments or corrections to the October 20, 2022, Committee meeting minutes. There were none. Ms. Albillar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to approve the October 20, 2022, meeting minutes. The October 20, 2022, meeting minutes were approved by the Committee members.

##### **b. Set Meeting Schedule for 2023.**

The schedule discussion centered on the availability of the Township meeting room. It was decided that meeting frequency should be monthly. The room is available on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Albillar to set the upcoming 2023 Committee meeting dates as the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. This motion was approved by the Committee members.

**c. Discuss and recommend applicants to fill Committee membership vacancies to the Board of Supervisors.**

The total number of members necessary to complete the Committee is nine individuals. There are four vacancies. The Committee has received five resumes from applicants; the locations of the applicant residences are as follows:

- Two prospective members live on Pond View Drive which backs up to Mill Creek property.
- One prospective member lives on High Gate Avenue which backs up to the Mill Creek property.
- One prospective member lives on Gray Fox Drive which is the first street over.
- One prospective member lives on Pickertown Road.

Ms. Albillar suggested that the Committee could consist of nine members plus an alternate; the alternate could serve in all capacities; however, the alternate is not a voting member. Mary Roth, whose application was the last one received, could be the alternate member. Mr. Jones made a motion recommending that the first four applicants, Patricia Tuberty, Melisa Conte, Philip Rittenhouse, and Michael Parker, be appointed Committee members and Mary Roth be appointed an alternate member. Ms. Albillar seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Committee members.

**d. Additional New Business.**

Mr. Connolly suggested that the Committee members should receive the following documents in order to provide them with pertinent background information well in advance of the next meeting:

1. Open Space Master Plan dated August 16, 2022 – a hard copy for all new members.
2. A copy of what was approved by the voters - The referendum language plus a voter's guide.
3. Cost Analysis Regarding Value of Open space – a hard copy for all new members.
4. Montgomery County Return on Environment Study and the Warrington Township Return on Environment Study authored by John Rogers/University of Maryland.
5. Open Space and Trails Map - a hard copy for all new members.
6. Mill Creek Resource Management Plan dated January 2019 – a hard copy for all new members.
7. Comprehensive Plan from 2018 "Pathways Document to our Future" which is 169 pages. No hard copy is necessary but provide a digital copy.
8. Open Space Plan Updates 2010 - provide a digital copy but also scan and put this document online.

9. List of pertinent topics derived from the Warrington Township Open Space and Land Committee lecture series which began in 2019 and ended sometime in 2020. All members should have this topic list.

Mr. Diorka, a member of the public, asked if the Master Plans contain focus group comments – Mr. Ross replied that they do.

An additional tab in the Warrington Township Open Space and Land Committee section of the township website will be prepared for the Township Ad Hoc Committee and an electronic version of these documents will be placed under the tab.

Mr. Connolly stated that the best way to proceed will be by listing the issues with the proposed plan and then working through them, going through the document page by page asking if there are comments. The Natural Lands Plan is finalized but the Committee can make recommendations to the plan and thus provide additional feedback for the Board of Supervisors and Warrington Township Open Space and Land Committee.

Mike Diorka, 2651 Fawn Lane, commented that the focus should be on the feasibility of the plan and whether all of the items in the Master Plan can be implemented. The committee is not meant to be a long-term entity making decisions regarding every item. We need to work through whether the Township can implement this Plan, if we want to do it all, and at the same time addressing the residents' concerns. Focus on the issues of concern first. All issues that concern everybody should be exposed and then a comprehensive and clear list should be made. The primary business is to get as far we can by compiling a list of issues.

Patricia Tuberty commented that she is looking forward to serving on the Committee and appreciates having the chance to be part of it.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Albillar, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday evening, January 12, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Laurelli  
Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee Secretary