



WARRINGTON PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

April 8, 2010

852 Easton Road, Warrington PA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Carol Rice called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Carol Rice, Chair; Ruth Schemm, Secretary and Michael Richino, Member. Staff present was Trevor Dane, Parks and Facilities Foreman and Carolyn Hanel, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation. As there was not a quorum, the meeting was closed at 7:35 p.m. Robert McNulty, Vice-Chair arrived at 7:40 and the meeting was called to order.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Rice led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - ✓ **Rose Bennett, 5000 Kelly Road:** Mrs. Bennett lives adjacent to King Park and was present to express her concerns about the proximity of the multi-use field to her property. She advised the PRB that errant soccer balls were already coming on to her property from youth using field and she was concerned for the safety of her children playing in the back yard. The PRB directed staff to investigate the cost of installing a safety net between the soccer goal area and the Bennett property.
 - ✓ **Rick Weiss, 2751 Spring Meadow Drive:** Mr. Weiss was present as a potential member of the Park and Rec Board, but also serves as an officer with the Warrington Soccer League. Mr. Weiss provided some clarifications regarding the anticipated use for the soccer field near the Bennett property as well as regulations regarding the size of the playing field.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 Dog Park Design Charette** – The PRB discussed the format for the design charette on April 22. The PRB agreed that a fee would be charged for the dog park to off set maintenance costs. Carolyn Hanel will facilitate the charette. Topics for discussion will include; size of the facility, location, site amenities, and rules and procedures for use of the park.
 - 4.2 Barness Park Field Project – Update** – Staff advised that the repairs to Field #4 were in progress and should be completed shortly. The PRB also reviewed the request of the Warrington Youth Baseball League to pay \$4,700 for additional infield mix for the baseball fields. The PRB had previously

agreed to pay \$7,470 for infield mix, which was almost twice the normal annual expense. On motion by Ms. Schemm, seconded by Mr. Richino, the PRB denied the request for the additional \$4,700 expense. The PRB suggested that the Youth Baseball League request a contribution from the school district, as they use the fields for free.

4.3 Swim Club Repairs – Update – Staff advised the Carroll Engineering is preparing the specifications to bid the two repair projects (*i.e.*, replacing the filters on the family and baby pools and re-plastering the lap pool). Carolyn Hanel noted that because it could take 8 weeks to order the filter equipment, the Township will open the pool as scheduled on Memorial Day and hope that the filters last the season. The new filters would be installed after Labor Day. If the filters fail, then the pools will have to be closed, drained, the filters replaced and the pools refilled. This could take 5010 working days.

Regarding the re-plastering project, the lap pool will not be filled until after this project is completed. This will avoid the expense of filling, draining and refilling that pool. Staff hopes that the re-plastering can be completed before June 21, when the swim team will begin their use.

4.4 King Park Lighting – Carolyn Hanel updated the PRB on this project. Staff met with representatives from MUSCO lighting at King Park to review the lighting for the “upper” field (closest to Kelly Road). MUSCO estimates the cost at \$150,000-\$175,000. MUSCO can provide the specifications for the necessary bid documents. Carolyn Hanel advised the PRB that although the money for the field lighting is in the 2010 Parks Capital Budget, there is not sufficient revenue to offset the expense. Rick Weiss, from the Warrington Soccer League, reiterated the league’s need for lighted fields for the fall. Mr. Weiss commented that rather than incur the expense of renting temporary lights for the upper field, the soccer league could contribute towards the cost of the permanent lights. He was not comfortable to quote a specific amount but estimated a contribution of \$40,000. On motion by Ruth Schemm, seconded by Robert McNulty, the Park and Rec Board unanimously recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the use of bond funds to pay for this capital project.

5. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS)

5.1 April 13 meeting with Board of Supervisors - The Park and Rec Board reviewed the goals established in the 1998 Open Space Plan and updated them for the discussion with the Board of Supervisors on April 13. The PRB also adopted the mission statement:

To enhance the quality of life in Warrington Township through the acquisition, preservation and development of open space to provide safe and appropriate active and passive recreational opportunities for all ages.

5.2 Special meeting to discuss easements and dedicated open space – The PRB suggested a designated meeting to discuss this topic. They also

directed staff to contact Bucks County Planning or The Heritage Conservancy for a speaker to provide information on how to negotiate easements, what types of easements can be utilized for open space preservation and trail development.

5.3 Memorial sign for Barnes Park - The Park and Rec Board reviewed a request from Warrington Youth Baseball to install a sign in memory of Timothy Raymond, a league player who recently succumbed to illness. The PRB suggested that the sign be tan and green, in keeping with other signs in the park system. They also expressed some concern over the quote suggested for the sign. These comments were forwarded to the league.

5.4 Shank "Tot Lot" relocation – Staff presented conceptual plans for the "new": Shank Park on Philadelphia Avenue. Estimated cost for the play equipment is \$15,860.00.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6.1 January 28, 2010 – On motion by Ruth Schemm, seconded by Robert McNulty, the Minutes of the January 28 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: The PRB reviewed and discussed draft goals and objectives to discuss with the Board of Supervisors on April 13. A copy of these is attached.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hanel, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation