



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION MEETING**  
*October 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Rick Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Present were Mr. Weiss, Mr. McNulty, Ms. Schemm, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Piotrowicz and Mrs. Halber who arrived at 7:50 P.M. Mr. Smith was absent. Also present was Supervisor John Paul, CFO Barry Luber and Vivian Bell.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Weiss led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes the September 26, 2013 meeting was submitted by Mrs. Rice; seconded by Ms. Schemm and passed 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

- a) **Open Space Task Force:** Ms. Schemm stated that she did not attend the meeting.
- b) **Bike and Hike Committee:** Mrs. Bell stated that there was no meeting this month since there was the lack of a quorum; however, Mr. Vollrath indicated that the Family Camp Out was a big success.
- c) **Environmental Advisory Council:** Mr. Piotrowicz reported that there has been no meeting; however stated that the EAC had a great booth for Warrington Day selling trees and plants and giving away informational brochures.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 2) **Warrington Day Wrap-up:** Mr. Paul stated that Warrington Day went very well. There were a phenomenal amount of people and many positive comments. There was only one mishap when one of the inflatables blew over knocking a man down the embankment. The fireworks were a great finish to the day and were well received by everyone.

Mr. Luber stated that the budget for Warrington Day was right on target. The township budgeted \$15,000 for expenses and almost broke even with \$15,057 being spent. This does not, however, include time spent by Public Works and staff.

Mr. Paul noted that the committee has already met and come up with a few changes for next year's event which will be Saturday, September 27, 2014.

- 3) **Twin Oaks Lacrosse Project Update:** Mr. Luber stated that Roy Rieder visited the site this afternoon and reported that the field has been leveled, graded and seeded and grass is starting to grow.

Mr. Weiss stated that he is concerned about the location of the field. He noted that he was under the impression that it would be located in the area between the tree line and the walking path at IPW. He stated that this could be verified in the minutes from either the December, 2012 or January 2013 meetings. He indicated that the Soccer Club would probably be looking for a field in the spring since they had to give up fields at IPW to make room for Lacrosse.

Mr. Luber stated that he would look into this.

- 4) **Palomino Park Tennis Court:** Mr. Luber stated that Carroll Engineering has finished the design specs which were submitted to the USTA for grant approval. The estimated cost of the project is \$130,000 and the grant would be for 20% of the total costs.

The township will be eligible for another grant next year and the tennis court at the Swim Club needs repairs the most.

- 5) **PECO Trail Update:** Mr. Luber reported that the topo for the trail is complete. The layout was sent to Carroll Engineering, PECO and DEP for approval.

## NEW BUSINESS

- 6) Review Swim Club Updates:

- a) **Feasibility Study Proposals:** Mr. Luber stated that at a recent Board of Supervisor's meeting, the future of the Warrington Swim Club was discussed. The Board feels that the club is an asset to the community and should remain for the long term. In an effort to keep up with improvements, etc., the Township has received several proposals to do a feasibility study of the facility.

A lengthy discussion followed and Mr. Luber gave out the proposals for the Park Board to review. This will be put back on the agenda for discussion after everyone has had a chance to review the proposals.

Mr. Luber also handed out a description and information on a family water slide that could be added to the baby pool at the swim club. The Township would like to make annual efforts to improve the facility and keep it fresh. The cost is \$8,400 for the slide, \$1,975 for shipping and \$6,400 for installation for a total of \$16,775.

- b) **Newtown Swim Club Purchases:** The Newtown Swim Club has closed and the township had the opportunity to purchase some pool and parks equipment at a very reasonable price. Mr. Paul listed all that was purchased.

- 7) **Lower Nike Park Ribbon Cutting:** Mr. Luber stated that at last Tuesday's Supervisor's meeting, the Board voted to rename the Lower Nike Park to "John Paul Park at Lower Nike".

The Pedestrian Bridge between the Park and Bradford Green is almost completed.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in the future for both the bridge and the renaming of the park.

- 8) **Discuss Summer Concert ideas for Lower Nike Park:** Mr. Luber stated that with all of the improvements to the Lower Nike Park, the Manager would like to start having the summer concerts at this location. Mr. Tieperman would like the Park and Recreation Board to get a committee together and take the lead on getting this in the works for next summer. Currently there are concerts held at Valley Square but this should be a community event held on township property.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 9) **Schedule Date with Swim Team Leaders:** There were several members of the Swim Team parents present at the meeting. A subcommittee was formed (Mr. Weiss, Mrs. Rice and Mr. Piotrowicz) to meet with the Parent Board of the Swim Team on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. prior to the next Park and Rec meeting.
- 10) **Review Status of Field Maintenance Agreements:** Mr. Weiss noted that this has been going on for some time now and that he should meet with the Township Manager to discuss where this should go from here. The only agreement that was officially ratified was with the Soccer Club and there have been many changes along the way. It needs more discussion before it moves on.
- 11) **Report by Supervisor Paul:** Mr. Paul gave the board an update on some things going on in the township. The Township is looking at expanding Barness Park by purchasing property next door to the parking section which was condemned. The house on the property would have to come down. He also stated that he is in negotiations with the Morrissey Organization regarding the 16.3 acres located directly across Barness Park. He stated that as things progress he will keep the board informed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was submitted by Ms. Schemm; seconded by Mrs. Halber and passed 4-0 (Mrs. Rice left the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

The next meeting will be the Special Meeting on November 18, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. The regular meeting falls on Thanksgiving.

Respectively submitted,

Vivian Bell