



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION MEETING
April 25, 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, Mr. Smith and Mr. Piotrowicz. Mrs. Halber and Mrs. Rice were absent. Also present were Supervisor John Paul, Township Manager Tim Tieperman and CFO Barry Lubber.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes the February 28, 2013 meeting was submitted by Ms. Schemm; seconded by Mr. Piotrowicz and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Weiss welcomed Ms. Donna Sempowski of the Warrington Historical Society who was present to observe.

LIAISON REPORTS

- a) **Open Space Task Force:** Ms. Schemm stated that a joint meeting was held in March with members of Park & Rec, Bike and Hike and EAC. It was an extremely good meeting. They discussed potential trails being linked. Township staff and volunteers from the Bike & Hike Committee are continuing to map coordinates of the current trail systems. Also discussed was reviewing and prioritizing possible areas for land acquisition.

Mr. Smith suggested that the Park and Recreation Board come up with their own list to present as a recommendation to the joint group.

- b) **Bike and Hike Committee:** Mrs. Bell stated that there was no meeting this month since there was the lack of a quorum; however the Spring Family Campout is being held this Saturday, April 27th at Twin Oaks.
- c) **Environmental Advisory Council:** No one from the Park & Recreation Board was able to attend the meeting; however, Mr. Piotrowicz stated that right now the EAC is working to get ready for Earth Day which is scheduled for May 11th.

He also noted that the EAC is doing a good job cleaning up the Folly Road School House property. There is a sign posted around the Oak Tree and there is a Boy Scout Project scheduled to do more clean up on the property.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2) Review Park & Recreation Fee Schedule and Facility Use Policy:** Mr. Luber stated that in reviewing the 2013 Facility Reservation Fee Schedule it was noticed by staff that there were some omissions from last year's.

A motion was submitted by Ms. Schemm; seconded by Mr. Piotrowicz to accept the recommendation from staff for the Facility Use Fee Schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Progress Report on Twin Oaks Field Project:** Mr. Weiss noted that this is the Lacrosse Project and that at this time there is nothing to report. Their season has already started so they will probably be looking at it for next year's season.
- 4) Update on Planting of Trees at Township Parks:** Mr. Weiss stated that thanks go out to John Pileggi of Limekiln Nurseries for his donation of large caliper trees planted at some of the parks. They look great.
- 5) Swim Club Update:** Mr. Luber stated that the discount period of the Swim Club ended April 15th and as of this date we have received a total of 129 Family Memberships, 10 Individual Memberships and 35 Senior Memberships. Receipts are above what they were last year at this time. New murals, compliments of the Bucks-Mont Art League will be painted on both the inside and outside walls of the swim club buildings to help make them more appealing. Many of the events held last year are planned again for this year and Chef Ray will be back for his second season at the concession stand.
- 6) Twin Oaks Update:** Mr. Luber reported that the camp is \$30,000 ahead of last year's receipts. The change in registration flexibility has boosted attendance. Some much needed repairs and renovations are being done including a new roof on the all-purpose room, new paint, wiring, lighting, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- 7) Capital Project Needs for Parks:** Mr. Tieperman encouraged the Park and Recreation Board to begin developing a list and ranking of potential repairs and/or improvements to existing parks, tot lots, etc. Although trail connectivity remains a high priority for the bond money, there is a contingency amount that needs to be spent within six months of receipt of funds.
- 8) Heater Installation – Rest Room at King's Park:** Mr. Weiss asked if staff could look into the cost of having a heater installed in the restroom located in the parking lot off of Kelly Road in King's Park. He noted that all the other restrooms have heat.
- 9) Warrington Community Day:** Supervisor Paul gave a brief update on the work taking place at the Lower Nike Park for Warrington Day scheduled for Saturday, October 12th from noon to 6 PM.

Mr. Luber stated that so far the township has received \$6,000 in sponsorships and that things were just firmed up for the Fireworks display which will start at dusk at the Upper Nike Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 10) Ms. Schemm noted that every year a letter is sent to the County asking them not to mow at the Bradford Reservoir during the bird nesting period.

Mr. Tieperman stated that he would contact Bill Mitchell of the County's Park Department.

- 11) Ms. Schemm stated that it has been a while since the Township has received any type of report from the Equestrian Center.

Mr. Weiss stated he would contact Denise from the center to see if perhaps the Park and Recreation Board could meet at the Equestrian Center facilities for an upcoming meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was submitted by Ms. Schemm; seconded by Mr. Smith and passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Vivian Bell