



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION MEETING
June 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Rick Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Present were Mr. Weiss, Mrs. Halber, Mrs. Schemm, Mr. McNulty, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Smith. Mr. Piotrowicz was absent. Also present were Supervisor John Paul and Township Manager Tim Tieperman.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Smith motioned, seconded by Mrs. Rice, to approve the May 23, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2) **Review Capital Project Assessment:** Mr. Tieperman distributed a preliminary park capital assessment list on which he solicited Board feedback. He explained that this dovetails with the Open Space Task Force's initiative to begin compiling projects consistent with the parameters of the open space bond issue as well as preparing for the 2014-2018 capital improvement plans. The following are some noteworthy comments:
- a. The IPW trails need improvement
 - b. Better parking lot lighting at all major parks
 - c. The need for team benches at major fields for tournaments
 - d. Develop a master plan for expanding Barness Park (or a separate Barness Park II)
 - e. Improvements to Barness Park bathrooms
 - f. Improved signage at all Township parks
 - g. General paving improvements at all Township parks
 - h. Paving of existing walking areas in parks for ADA and safety considerations
 - i. Have a serious policy discussion on the future of Twin Oaks Day Camp
 - j. Research Swim Club enhancements to improve overall membership
 - k. General expansion of the Township's trail network
 - l. Deconstruction of Lower Nike ice skating rink
 - m. Completion of Lower Nike Park for future Warrington Day events
 - n. General facility improvements to all existing tennis and basketball courts

Mr. Tieperman said the capital improvement planning process is still a working document. He will bring to next month's meeting a current draft of the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan for further review and comment.

- 3) **Update on Lower Nike Improvements and Warrington Day Preparations:** Mr. Tieperman and Mr. Paul updated members on the planned Warrington Day festivities. Public Works crews continue facility improvements at the pavilions and bandstand; utility extension to the pavilion areas is nearly complete; general hydroseeding is planned for the location of the entertainment venues. About \$7,000 has been raised thusfar from sponsorships to help offset the costs of the fireworks. Musical entertainment has been secured for the entire day. Mr. Tieperman encouraged Park Board representation at the Warrington Day Organization Committee meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4) **Review WREN Grant Sign Renderings:** Mrs. Ivy Ross attended as a representative of the Environmental Advisory Council. She provided a progress report on the Water Resources Environment (WREN) Grant. The project is an EAC-Villanova University partnership project that involves the development and installation of interpretive environmental signs within the PECO trail easement. The students are environmental engineers that are specializing in sustainable energy and green infrastructure studies. As part of this project, the students will also be identifying invasive species recommending alternative replacements using indigenous landscaping such as wildflower meadows.
- 5) **Discuss policy issues and recommendations related to Swim Club membership criteria:** Mr. Tieperman stated that Staff is starting to receive unusual requests from prospective pool members testing the limits of what constitutes a family. Carol Rice indicated that she would touch base with Jeanine Winslow to help interpret any tricky policy issues related to these types of requests. The Board agreed, however, that the current membership policy should be reviewed and clarified if necessary. Ms. Halber, Ms. Rice and Mr. McNulty agreed to work together on this project and report back at a future meeting.
- 6) **Update PECO Trail Segment:** Mr. Tieperman provided a site rendering of the planned PECO trail segment, which is scheduled before the Supervisors for approval at their next regular meeting. He explained that of the twelve (12) planned trail segments, this trail connector is the least complex and will connect the existing Lower Nike Trail and soon-to-be-constructed pedestrian bridge to County Line Road.
- 7) **Twin Oaks Camp Update:** Mr. Tieperman reported that the Twin Oaks Day Camp membership count stands at 73. Total revenue generated thus far is approximately \$87,000. The breakeven number is around \$85,000. The total camp registration breakdown is as follows:
- Full Week: 31
 - M/W/F: 5
 - T/W/TR: 29
 - T/TH: 8

8) **Swim Club Update:** Mr. Tieperman reported that the Swim Club's total current membership roster stands at 370. Total revenue generated thusfar is approximately \$129,000. The membership breakdown is as follows:

- Family: 271
- Individual Child/Adult: 21
- Senior: 78

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS:

The following miscellaneous items were briefly discussed:

- Several lights are out at the King Park basketball courts
- There is increased traffic congestion at King Park, originating from LaCrosse players at Doylestown's Turk Park.
- September's meeting will be scheduled at the Equestrians Center.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 25, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager