



## WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION MEETING

*September 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Rick Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Present were Ms. Rice, Ms. Halber, Mr. Richino, Mr. Smith, Mr. McNulty, Ms. Schemm and Mr. Piotrowicz. Staffs present were Township Manager Timothy J. Tieperman and Chief Financial Officer Barry P. Luber. Supervisors present were John Paul and Shirley Yannich. Guests present were Ms. Denise Quirk, PhD, Executive Director of the Special Equestrian Center and MaryJo May, and member of the Board of Directors.

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

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The approval of the July 25, 2013 minutes was tabled until the next meeting. There was no meeting in August.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Weiss took the opportunity to thank the Special Equestrians for arranging the meeting accommodations. He turned the floor temporarily over to Ms. Quirk who provided a detailed power point presentation on the Special Equestrians organization, its mission and activities. A copy of the power point presentation is attached (*Attachment 1*).

### LIAISON REPORTS

- 3. Bike and Hike Committee:** Mr. Tieperman reported that the Committee's September 7' 2013 fishing derby was a success and thanked Gerry Sapers for his efforts in organizing the successful event. He reported that the Committee is planning on a bike decorating contest at Warrington Day. Mr. Tieperman is working with a former bike & hike member, Larry Oxman, in sponsoring a special family bike on Warrington Day.
- 4. Environmental Advisory Council:** Ruth Schemm gave a brief update on the EAC's activities at Lower Nike and its partnership with Villanova University. They will also be manning a booth at Warrington Day
- 5. Open Space Task Force:** Ms. Schemm provided an update of the last Open Space Committee meeting. Major topics that were covered included continuation of trail planning, easement acquisitions, and parcel candidates for acquisition consideration.

### OLD BUSINESS

- 6. Warrington Day Preparations and Lower Nike Improvements:** Mr. Luber gave a detailed breakdown of the planned activities At Warrington Day including but not limited to Earthborne's Dancing Diggers, the planned musical entertainment, and the special fireworks-musical presentation at dusk. Mr. Paul went into greater detail on the infrastructure improvements at Lower Nike. This will be the first full opening of Lower Nike Park with these completed amenities.

7. **2014 Preliminary Budget Update:** Mr. Tieperman and Mr. Luber presented noteworthy excerpts from the 2014 Preliminary Budget as it pertains to Park & Recreation activities. He stated that next year's budget includes an estimated \$200,000.00 in Park & Recreation assessments which will be targeted to the following major projects: Philadelphia Tot Lot, Mary Barness feasibility study, tennis court rehabilitation projects and the rehabilitation of the Lower Nike ice hockey court.
8. **Twin Oaks Lacrosse Project Update:** Mr. Paul reported that this project is nearing completion and should be ready for the April Lacrosse season. Mr. Weiss questioned the location of some of the stakeouts of the project site but was assured that the construction activities are within the approved scope.

**NEW BUSINESS** .

9. **Review Swim Club Updates:**

- A. **Swim Team Coaches:** Mr. Tieperman reported that the supervisors, at the last budget workshop, raised questions on the swim team coaches and why they are included as part of the Townships payroll system. The Park Board members discussed this and also have concerns over this historical past practice considering that similar organizations have either volunteer coaches or if they do receive some remunerations, such payments are handled privately within the organization. It was suggested that members of the swim team leadership be invited back to the Park Board's October meeting to discuss the program's status and work out an amicable arrangement whereby the Township is not involved in its internal financial operations.
- B. Barry reported that the Board of Supervisors authorized up to \$18,900.00 for purchases from the Newtown Swim Club which closed its doors after this past summer. The Township was planning on buying more items but was restricted by the Commonwealth's sealed bid law.
- C. Mr. Luber stated the Township is seeking professional proposals from recreational consultants to study the swim club facility and make appropriate architectural and programmatic recommendations to improve the swim club's future operations and marketing appeal to the public at large. He expects final proposals for the Board's review and recommendation at Supervisors' October or November meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next regular schedule meeting is for Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Township Administration Building.

Respectively Submitted,



Timothy J. Tieperman  
Township Manager