



Warrington Township Park and Recreation Board

Minutes of the Meeting February 28, 2008

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Park and Recreation Board was held on February 28, 2008 at Warrington Township Building, 852 Easton Road.

Present:	Carol Rice	Chair Person
	David Weaver	Vice Chair
	William Waterbury	Member
	Robert McNulty	Member
	Lori Halber	Member
	Michael W. Lamond, Jr.	Board of Supervisors Liaison
	Carolyn B. Hanel	DAS/Park and Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Public Comment: there was no public comment.

Old Business:

Bike and Hike Committee – Ms. Rice reported on her meeting with Elmer O'Brien, Chairman of the Bike and Hike Committee. Both committee chairs agreed that there needed to be more communication between the two groups, and staff has agreed to provide meeting minutes. It was also suggested that Bike and Hike appoint a liaison to attend the Park and Rec Board meetings and vice versa.

It was noted at the meeting that the Bike and Hike Committee had no establishing resolution or defined scope. Supervisor Carol Butterworth, Bike and Hike Committee liaison indicated that she would research her files for this information.

New Business:

Easter Egg Hunt-

Ms. Hanel reported that the annual Egg Hunt will be held on March 15 at IPW Park. The location was changed from Barness Park because of potential damage to the ball fields.

Facility Reservations –

Ms. Hanel reported that the Facility Reservation Requests were being processed and should be issued by the end of the month. She also noted that the fields are not playable at this time and even though the requests could be approved, organized groups would be asked to stay off the fields until notified.

Twin Oaks Summer Camp Fee Waiver –

The PRB reviewed a request from a Township resident to have the camp registration fee waived as a result of personal financial and domestic problems. The PRB was reluctant to establish a precedent of waiving fees, but encouraged staff to find a source for a donation to cover the registration. [Subsequent to the meeting the resident advised that she would not need the fee waived.]

2008 DCNR Grant –

Ms. Hanel advised the PRB that staff anticipated preparing a grant application for acquisition of open space.

Trails –

As part of the discussion on the Bike and Hike Committee, the PRB discussed that status of the Township trails projects and future plans. Ms. Schemm encouraged staff to include some environmental education opportunities with the trails development, specifically interpretive signage related to wetlands. The PRB encouraged staff to develop educational materials for the cable access channels. Mr. McNulty suggested directional signs on major roads like County Line Road, 611 and Street Road to indicate access to the Bradford Reservoir Trail. The PRB concurred with the idea of separating Lower Nike Park from the Bradford Trail, such as renaming the area as “The Bradford Reservoir Natural Area” or something similar. The PRB asked staff to put an article about the Township trail system in the June newsletter.

Signage –

The PRB asked staff to look into getting some existing park entrance signs repaired or replaced. Ms. Hanel reported that one of the parks department employees was familiar with making routed wooden signs and would be making signs for the park entrances as well as other internal directional and information signs.

Future Agenda Topics:

Park and Rec Board Authority - Ms. Halber suggested that the PRB discuss their role and authority regarding enforcement of the Township rules.

Ms. Hanel advised the PRB that she would not be able to attend the March 27 meeting as she will be attending a conference. The PRB decided to meet without staff as a work session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hanel, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation