



**WARRINGTON PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2008**

**Present:** Carol Rice, Chair; Ruth Levine-Schemm, Secretary, Robert McNulty, and Michael Richino and Township Supervisor Michael Lamond. Staff present was Carolyn Hanel, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Mrs. Rice called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Public Comment** – There were no public comments.

**2. Old Business**

**2.1 Swim Club-** Mrs. Hanel updated the PRB on the Swim Club. Single memberships (\$150 for the summer) are significantly higher than in previous summers. Residents are finding a Swim Club membership more economical than going to the shore. Snack stand revenues are good; we now have additional items such as wraps and daily specials. Mrs. Rice commented that the numbers sound good. . In response to member comments, there is now a section of the deep end separated by rope, for diving, and another area for the water slide landing. Mr. McNulty wanted to know if people were regulated more at the swim club. Mrs. Hanel said that stronger procedures were put in place this year and members need to stop and sign in at the office whenever coming to the pool. There are signs posted reminding members that you must be accompanied by a member if you use a guest pass. Mr. Lamond asked if staff knew the pool operating costs. Mrs. Hanel responded that the swim club is budgeted to break even on direct costs; but that some indirect costs such as insurances are not covered... Mrs. Rice commented that you won't truly cover all the costs.

**2.2 Twin Oaks Summer Camp-** Mrs. Hanel explained that the demographics of the camp have shifted and in 2008 we have larger number of older children (ages 10 and up) and smaller number for the younger children (age 6 and under). Mrs. Hanel advised that PRB that all camp counselors at Twin Oaks were certified in first aid and CPR this year.

**3. New Business (Action/Discussion Items)**

**3.1 Update on Current Activities**

- Mrs. Hanel reviewed the monthly report for June 2008.
- Dr. Levine-Schemm asked about the lights on the fields in the King Park Expansion are. Mrs. Hanel said we have to wait until 2009.
- A fence was installed at Twin Oaks pond to help keep away the geese. There was a problem with goose waste contamination in the pond.
- Mrs. Rice brought to attention the fact that some Warrington veterans were not on the veteran memorial. Mr. Lamond explained everybody's name is not on top of the

monument. Mr. Lamond said if you didn't live in Warrington when you served your service is acknowledged with a paver in front of the monument...

- The first concert was the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Mrs. Bachmann made arrangements with the church if everyone wants to have a concert there.
- Mrs. Rice volunteered to help plan Warrington Day next year. 2009 will be the 275th anniversary of Warrington.
- Mr. Lamond wanted to know if Skelly's had been contacted about providing amusement rides at Warrington Day in lieu of fireworks. Mrs. Rice commented that, in her experience, these rides tear up the fields. Mrs. Hanel noted that she was talking with other municipalities about going in together to achieve the minimum 2 nights required to book the rides... Mr. McNulty suggested placing the rides near Twin Oaks near the goal posts on the practice football field, to minimize damage to the soccer fields at IPW. Mrs. Rice noted that she is not in favor of carnival-type rides. Dr. Levine-Schemm wanted to know if people really wanted fireworks, and Mrs. Hanel confirmed that people come for the fireworks. Mr. Lamond suggested interactive games such as sumo wrestling suits and big boxing gloves. Other suggestions for Warrington Day activities included the pit, the arc, the Philadelphia Zoo, Birds of Prey, a Falconer Show, hunting dog enthusiasts, and dog agility,. Mr. Lamond suggested asking Special Equestrians to present a demonstration, but Dr. Levine-Schemm explained that insurance was a problem.
- The next newsletter will focus on Warrington Day 2008.

### **3.2 – Bucks County Open Space Program**

- Mrs. Hanel reviewed the new open space initiative from the Bucks County Planning Commission. The initial round of the program allocates funds per municipality based on population and size. Warrington's allocation is \$680,000; with \$10,000 towards updating the Township Open Space and Environmental Protection Plan... Mrs. Hanel requested that the Park and Rec Board develop a prioritized list of development and acquisition projects... Those present liked the idea of having a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss the potential acquisition and development projects
- In a discussion of potential projects, the following points were made; there are many sports fields, but not a lot for the older adult community. Dr. Levine-Schemm pointed out that there need to be more trails. Mrs. Rice agreed that people walk more now, and more trails would be a good idea. Everyone agreed that group/community discussions and meetings were a good idea. Mr. Richino suggested a special meeting with representatives from all the 55+ community HOAs represented. He said that he would look into setting up this meeting.
- Mr. Lamond commented that children could learn from interaction with the residents of these over fifty-five adult communities. Mrs. Rice questioned whether the communities would allow children to use their facilities.
- Mrs. Hanel updated the PRB on the new policy of the Central Bucks School District prohibiting access to school building on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. She noted that the 2008 summer concert series is being held at CB South, and that the auditorium was to be used in inclement weather. Because of the new policy, another venue had to be secured for inclement weather. Everyone agrees that although Lower Nike field would be a nice place to hold concerts, it does have electrical service access to

bathrooms is difficult for elderly or physically challenged persons attending the concerts.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

4.1

- Approval of the April 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes was tabled as a quorum of those present at that meeting was not in attendance.

4.2

- On motion by Dr. Levine-Schemm, seconded by Mr. McNulty, the Minutes of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were unanimously approved.

**5. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.