



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION MEETING
November 29, 2012 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Rick Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Present were Mr. Weiss, Mr. McNulty, Mrs. Rice, Ms. Schemm, Mr. Smith and Mr. Piotrowicz. Ms. Halber and Mr. Richino were absent. Also present was Supervisor John Paul.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes the October 25, 2012 meeting was submitted by Mr. Piotrowicz; seconded by Mr. McNulty and passed unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: a) Mr. Mike Moser from Connie Mack Baseball advised the Board that a dugout blew over during Hurricane Sandy and was demolished. He asked whose responsibility it is to remove the debris and whose responsibility it would be to rebuild it.

Mr. Paul stated that the township should check with the insurance company to see if this would be covered.

Mr. Moser stated that it would probably be around \$10,000 to replace. He noted that he would be glad to take the lead in disposal and getting it reconstructed.

b) Another issue brought up by the baseball group was field usage at the Central Bucks schools. Originally there was an agreement that the School District could use the Township fields and the Township groups could use the School fields; however the school district is now charging for field usage up to \$2,500.

Mr. Paul noted that the township has tried to set up meetings with the School District and received no response. It is important to meet with them now before the next season to see if this issue can be resolved.

LIAISON REPORTS

3. Open Space Task Force: Ms. Schemm stated that the referendum on the November ballot passed 2-1. Now it is important to identify the properties that will be involved for the athletic activities and the trail system.

4. Bike and Hike Committee: No report – Meeting cancelled for lack of quorum

5. **Environmental Advisory Council:** No report – Mr. Smith did not attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **Proposal from Warrington Youth Baseball for King Park:** Members of Warrington Youth Baseball presented a proposal to repair and upgrade the baseball field located at King Park. WYB would perform the work at their expense. The project when completed would allow the field to be used by age groups from 8-12 years old. A copy of the proposal is an addendum to these minutes. Based on bids from contractors this would be about a \$20,000. Project.

Mrs. Rice stated that she appreciates the proposal; however, before approving it the Park and Recreation Board would like some answers on Barness Park. In early 2011, WYB came in with a proposal to construct temporary practice infields which became permanent and also built a concrete storage bin which is very unsightly.

Mr. Tom Anthony, Director of Fields presented the proposal that was submitted in 2011 which was reviewed by the Township Engineer and were not listed as temporary. (A copy of that proposal is also an addendum to these minutes).

The concrete bin for the infield mix was also approved by the Township's Zoning Officer, Roy Rieder via an e-mail from Jeanine Winslow (addendum).

After a lengthy discussion, the Baseball Organization agreed to make all repairs necessary to Barness Park fields and to plant some trees around the concrete bin.

Mrs. Rice stated that there needs to be better communication with the Township on Park and Recreation matters. She stated that if the Park and Recreation Board give a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve the concept of the King Park Project, the Baseball Organization would need to follow all zoning and permitting rules as well as a review by the Township Engineer.

Mr. Anthony stated they would comply and will take care of the repairs to Barness Park.

A motion was then submitted by Mr. Piotrowicz to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the proposal for renovations to King Park by Warrington Youth Baseball. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNulty and passed unanimously.

7. **Review Proposed Revision to Township's Park Ordinance (Chapter 16):** Mr. Weiss stated that since all members are not present this item should be tabled until a later date.

- 8. Prevention Steps for Turfing of Township Parks:** Mr. Weiss stated that with the recent turfing of the fields at the parks, he discussed with Mr. Tieperman and Mr. Lubber and received authorization to purchase 130 boulders that will be placed to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering the parks and doing damage to the grounds. The work will be done by Landtech and will cost between \$1,600 and \$1,800. In the long run it would cost the Township quite a bit more to repair the damaged fields if something were not done to help prevent it.

OLD BUSINESS

- 9. 2013 Budget Update:** This item was tabled until the next meeting when Mr. Tieperman and Mr. Lubber will be present.

- 10. Field Maintenance Agreement Updates:** This item was tabled.

Other Business

- 11. December Meeting:** Mr. Weiss stated that the next meeting would be scheduled for December 27th; however, with the holiday, perhaps the Board could meet a week earlier. After a brief discussion, the next meeting will be advertised for Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 P.M.

There being no further business, Mrs. Rice motioned, seconded by Ms. Schemm, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Bell