



MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

May 26, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting Held In-Person at the Township Building and Via Zoom

ATTENDEES: Rick Weiss, Andy Oles, Joanne Mancini, Jim Keyser, Dan Merz, and Lise Dietz

BOS Liaison: Ruth Schemm.

7:03 PM - CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND POSTING TO WEBSITE

April 2022 – Rick motioned to approve, Dan seconded, all favor, approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS (*The Board will hear from any interested resident or taxpayer who would like to comment on an item not on this evening's agenda. Respondents are asked to keep their comments to 3 minutes.*)

PRESENTATIONS BY GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Bike and Hike Trails Committee

- a. Trail updates
 - i. Crossover 5c and 5b in process
- b. Community Day of Service – Bradford Dam May 21st – successful event
 - i. EAC excited to have participation of B&H
- c. Walk with Director, June 4th, 9am, Start from Lion's Pride
 - i. Andy Oles to do first
 - ii. In coordination with Todd Polinchok kid activity at Lion's Pride
- d. Warrington Day – September 2022
 - i. String backpack bags ordered
 - ii. Literature request for handout, possible include:
 1. Hiking, lyme disease, bicycle, fish posters, etc.
 2. Trail map with QR code
 - iii. Fish Derby
 1. Gifts and Supplies – lures, boards, pliers, boxes, etc. avoid knives
 - a. Request from local businesses

- 2. Prize to be coordinated: private tour of local fish hatchery
- iv. Bicycle Activity – request support of local shops
 - 1. 2 mini workshops, change tire, minor repairs, etc.
 - 2. Local Bike shops to be approached for participation
- v. Other Activities Proposed (Mike D)
 - 1. Targeted sessions for run, walk, hike, bike
 - 2. Focus on
 - a. Trail location
 - b. Getting started
 - c. Meeting other people
- vi. Step Challenge
 - 1. How to do – start and finish points
 - 2. Focus on participation and exposure to trail system
- e. Beacon app progressing. Additional data needed
- f. Other
 - i. Possible “Bike with Peter” activity proposed – highlight trail system
 - ii. Triathlon Sunday 09/11/22
 - iii. Acknowledgement of tragic loss of Office Plum

2. **Open Space And Land Preservation Committee**

- a. Final Presentation of Land Trust for Mill Creek, Weisel, Emerson Farms
 - i. Involvement of EAC, P&R, B&H, Open Space, etc
 - ii. Most of changes completed, cost info to be added
 - iii. Proposal will be updated and final presentation made
- b. Referendum for tax hike tabled by BOS as not a good time to move forward

3. **Environmental Advisory Committee**

- a. PHS Spring Planting – completed, went well
- b. Pollinator Garden at Swim Club
 - i. Great community interest, 40 participants signed up
- c. Grants
 - i. Fish Grant Applied for \$5k
 - ii. Mill Creek Preserve – \$2.5mill tied to B Fitzpatrick support
- d. Weisel Preserve Spring Planting
 - i. Bid for 49 trees, 39 shrubs sent out
 - ii. ArcheWild bid allows for additional to be purchased
- e. Proposal for Recycle Bins at Parks
 - i. Complicated to maintain – further review of successful implementation required
 - ii. Staff issue
- f. Day of Community Service - Successful even in heat, > 100 attendees
- g. Arc GIS - More detail for additional license cost of \$100
- h. Single Use Plastic Bags – further review for affect on different types of businesses
- i. Climate Action Plan
 - i. 40 hrs of community service contributed
 - ii. Solar Energy Plan – own vs rent consideration

4. **Mary Barness Community Pool Committee; Recent Meeting and Reports Summary**

- a. Open House Friday June 3rd 4-7 pm, all are welcome
- b. Pool official opening on memorial day weekend and open weekends until June
- c. Open full schedule June
- d. Swim Team > 100 participation, may have additional, very positive

- e. Shade Canopies – 2 new 25’ x 9’ sunbrella fabric, look great
 - f. Jun, Jul, Aug meetings to be held at pool
5. **Directors Report**, (BOS Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports), (Programs Update) (Annual Budget Status) (End Of Year/Season Reports)
- a. Works in Progress
 - i. Pool – some weather delays for prep and installation of features, kudos to public works
 - b. Studies & Reports
 - i. Swim Club to be on next BOS meeting – repair/replace/improve
 - c. Program Updates
 - i. Aqua Aerobics new program at pool
 - ii. Science programs over summer at Lion’s Pride
 - iii. Community Room – continued progress
 - 1. HVAC decided
 - 2. Design group to initiate work

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Annual Report, BOS Presentation of 05/24/22 – went well, look to increased community involvement this coming year
- 2. Maintenance Agreement Updates
 - a. Updates completed
 - b. Agreements back at Sports Organizations for their review/signature
- 3. Review of Protocols for Groups to Submit Requests to P&R
 - a. Groups may approach members
 - b. Proposals to be submitted to chair
 - i. Chair vets request for advancement
 - ii. Chair has authority to decline
 - c. With chair review/approval, add to agenda of future meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Short Term and Long-Term P&R Board Goals, Board Input
 - a. Many projects, each with budgets
 - b. Ideas
 - i. Bristol Road, 15 acre parcel for premier sports facility, P&R activities
 - 1. Andy to share prior suggestions/activity for parcel
 - 2. Feasibility study requested
 - 3. Basketball, pickle ball, etc
 - ii. Bradford Dam – trail all the way around
 - c. All to continue to think of ideas to include
- 2. Open Board Discussion; Ideas and Projects for the future. Targe 2 years from now. (Many project presently on-going) See Item 1
- 3. Community Room Update – See Director’s Report, item c. iii.

4. Other Boards - Communication Advisory Board
 - a. Great ideas that may be helpful to other boards and areas of township
 - b. Joanne attended and volunteer to be liaison, to be added to Liaison Reports

5. Warrington Day – Sept 24th, 12 to 5:30pm
 - a. Organize by July
 - b. Ideas – pinatas, maps, handouts
 - c. Ruth – possible special Equestrian involvement, Glow, mini horse may be open to participate

6. Board Member Positions
 - a. Review of responsibilities of board members for attendance at meetings per protocols and mandates of board
 - b. Duty of the board to make a decision regarding Patrice Tisdale. Patrice is a valued and talented member whose change in personal responsibilities has not allowed her to participate.
 - c. Rick requests motion to inform Patrice that her position will be vacated and request tender of resignation. Joanne seconds, all in favor. Motion passed
 - d. Rick will inform Patrice of motion and thank her for valued service
 - e. Position availability will be advertised and posted after Rick speaks with Patrice

OTHER BUSINESS

(New Actionable items must be added to agenda under new business and revised agenda posted and made public)

1. Acknowledgement of tragic loss of Officer Plum

ADJOURNMENT

8:37 PM adjournment – Joanne motioned, Jim seconded, all approved.