



## MINUTES

### WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

July 28, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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

**ATTENDEES:** Andy Oles, Rick Weiss, Beth Illg, Joanne Mancini, and Lise Dietz

**BOS Liaison:** Eileen Albilar.

#### 7:06 PM - CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND POSTING TO WEBSITE

June 2022 – Joanne motioned to approve, Rick seconded, all in 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

**Warrington Baseball Report and Upgrade to Barness Park Proposal** - presented by Kevin "Eric" Boyle, president

- Spring 2022 very successful, >450 kids  
75.8% are Twp residents  
discussion of encouraging coordination between sports organizations for game/practice times to allow kids to participate in more than one sport  
improvements successful  
visitors always positive about Warrington fields  
improvements still needed – 3 main projects
- 1. Irrigation Hose Bib Project  
1300' of hose to the sides of each field  
pull lines and drip in access boxes  
no cost to twp – funded by baseball  
system will be winterized, with backflow preventers, etc

- 2. Backstop Replacement Project  
current backstop very aged, in poor repair and inadequate to current needs during recent activity balls have gone over and hit cars on Bristol Rd noted as a safety hazard  
  
new system to be 30' high retractable net system
- 3. Tower Replacement Project (storage and scoreboard)  
Drawings of proposed tower shared and presented to group very large project  
request twp remove existing tower and put in new concrete pad (24' x 14') Baseball Assoc will do all from that point forward  
timeframe – like to have completed by winter 2022, noted this unlikely as would need to be a budget item that would need to be added for 2023
- Phased Approach suggested  
Irrigation first as Baseball Assoc handling cost and installation  
Backstop this fall (mid Oct 22) as this is a safety issue  
Tower needs to be tabled for moment to allow to be brought to Board of Supervisors and added as agenda item for consideration of project and budgetary concerns  
Andy will request addition to the BOS agenda for Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, Eileen in agreement
- Backstop Project Details  
urgency of project noted due to safety issues described above  
Rick motion to request BOS to request Public Works demolish existing backstop and replace with new net system. Joanne 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved  
anticipate work to initiate mid-Oct 22  
updated/final specs for net system to be forwarded to board and BOS for review
- Parks & Rec recommends permit fees continue to be waived for Warrington sports associations. Presentation and approval of project required for waiver

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **1. Bike and Hike Trails Committee**

- a. Eagle Project – Roger Tang
  - i. Bradford Dam Trail remediation of muddy section
  - ii. With feedback from multiple board's members and identification of location in severe flood pressure area, agreed more research needed for project that would have more permanency  
B&H will work with and look forward to future proposal to consider/approve
  - iii. Suggestions for clearing overgrown areas, helping with Geo Beacon app etc.
- b. New Trail Updates
  - i. Sections B&C out for bid, crossing over Street Rd to Morning Walk project progressing
  - ii. Requests for volunteers to assist with watering new plants at Weisel, contact Ivy for details, to sign up

- c. Fish and Boat commission messaging of water as “contaminated”. Look for further clarification and possible change of wording to reflect accuracy of situation (catch and release)
  - d. Warrington Day
    - i. Booth Planning
      - Todd Polinchok helping with info on Lyme, hiking/trails
      - Booth to include large trail map, bike demo, trail etiquette, talking points, etc
    - ii. Fishing Derby – plans underway with gifts, etc
  - e. Liaison Reports (P&R)
    - i. Walk with Director - Andy did a great job, suggestion to add future walks to twp online calendar for greater visibility/attendance
    - ii. Weisel Project – great coordination and collaboration between groups
  - f. Other Business
    - i. EAC study of litter on trails in Lion’s Pride – mostly water bottles discussion for reminders of clean-up at end of practice/games, encourage re-usable containers
- 2. Open Space and Land Preservation Committee**
- a. Master Plan for Mill Creek, Weisel and Emerson to be presented to BOS on 08/09/22
  - b. Looking to start a “Friends of Open Space” group
    - i. Purpose – possible grant receipt/acquisition and public education
    - ii. Needs to be 501c type of org
  - c. Scout Project Suggestion/Possibilities for all groups
    - i. Building bee habitats or pollinator gardens such as at Lion’s Pride
    - ii. Creating waterproof boxes for Beacon app (20 at Lion’s Pride)
    - iii. Building bird towers for Chimney Swifts (after confirmation of desired habitat and presence in area)
  - d. Weisel Yard Waste Site
    - i. Twp at BOS meeting – decision to discontinue as of Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 due to fees too high
    - ii. Alternative for residents to directly bring to “Britain Industries” for \$30 drop-off fee
  - e. Fish Grant \$5k
    - i. 2 classes by Penn State, 1 at Warrington day
    - ii. Clean Streams at Warrington Day, ~11am
    - iii. Climate Plan – draft in progress to be forwarded to BOS
- 3. Environmental Advisory Committee**
- a. No report this month
- 4. Communication Advisory Board**
- a. Review of AV upgrades for hybrid meetings
  - b. Investigation of resources and apps that may be helpful
- 5. Mary Barness Community Pool Committee;**
- a. Very good summer, Membership up, well attended so far on hot days
  - b. Swim teams doing well
  - c. Swim lessons well attended
  - d. 2 movie nights, next in August, first well attended
  - e. Lots of great activities – Watermelon Day, Xmas in July, upcoming Fall Fest

- f. Still looking at grants, etc. to fund replacement of large pool
  - g. Pool will be closed a few days in late August due to return of staff to school
6. **Directors Report**, (BOS Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports), (Programs Update) (Annual Budget Status) (End Of Year/Season Reports)
- a. DCNR video showcasing grant success of Lion's Pride Park – very nice
    - i. DCNR was very impressed with all that was done, of special note were mountain, challenges, layout, incorporation with surrounding environment
  - b. Veteran's Affairs presentation at BOS mtg – 2 additional ceremonies: 09-11 Patriot's Day and 03-29 Vietnam Conflict Day
  - c. Budget Process Started
  - d. Community Program "Mad Science" at Lion's Pride, 11 participants

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Maintenance Agreement Updates
  - a. Warrington Soccer club ready to forward to BOS
  - b. Clarity on signature pages is needed and actual (not electronic) signatures are required
2. Short- and Long-Term P&R Goals
  - a. Need to formalize in next coming meetings
  - b. 15 acre at Bristol Rd
  - c. Trash study – encourage multiple-use water bottles and trash reduction
  - d. New water fountains have water bottle fill stations
3. Community Room Update
  - a. Final plans almost available
  - b. BOS approved bids for site work
4. Warrington Day - Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 to 5:30pm
  - a. Email Rick with choice of 2-hour shift time to assist manning of booth

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. New Program Ideas
  - a. Bocce ball league?
2. Warrington Day – Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 to 5:30pm
  - a. See above
3. Board Vacancy and Interviews
  - a. Currently 2 candidates for one spot
  - b. Resume's will be distributed for review by all
4. August Meeting Attendance

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

9:09 PM adjournment – Joanne motioned, Lise 2nd, all approved.