



MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

January 26th, 2023

7:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting Held Both In Person At The Township Building And Via Zoom

ATTENDEES: Andy Oles, Rick Weiss, Lise Dietz, Jim Keyser, Joanne Mancini, Dan Mertz, Ernie Rehr (zoom)

BOS Liaison: Mike Diorka

7:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Andy)

Election Of Chairperson (Andy Oles)

- Lise nominates Dan Merz, Joanne seconded, Lise requests roll-call vote.
- It is noted that additional nominations should be requested.
- Jim nominates Rick Weiss. Rick seconded.
- Andy asks if Dan accepts the nomination. Dan accepts.
- Andy asks if Rick accepts the nomination. Rick declines.
- Roll-Call Vote for Dan:
 - Rick – abstain
 - Jim – yes
 - Lise – yes
 - Joanne – yes
 - Dan – yes
 - Ernie – yes
- Rick asks to speak and tenders his immediate retirement/resignation at 7:04p (and leaves).

Election Of Vice Chair (Chairperson – Dan Merz)

- Dan nominates Joanne, Jim seconded
- Roll-Call Vote for Joanne:
 - Jim – yes
 - Lise – yes
 - Joanne – yes
 - Dan – yes
 - Ernie – yes

Election Of Secretary (Chairperson – Dan Merz)

- Joanne nominates Lise, Jim seconded
- Roll-Call Vote for Lise:
 - Jim – yes
 - Lise – yes
 - Joanne – yes
 - Dan – yes
 - Ernie – yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND POSTING TO WEBSITE

December 2022 – Joanne motion to approve, Jim second. All in favor and 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.*)

- **Eric Pincus** – President of Warrington-Warwick Softball, Warrington Resident
 - Fencing at Barness overdue to be replaced – safety risk
 - Issue with crown on fence and bee hives (a few players were stung last season)
 - Contacted 2 fencing companies for quotes
 - In accordance with sports org agreement, fence is township responsibility to maintain/repair/replace
 - Lise asks if Eric can get 2nd estimate of replacing fencing to current sports standards and to forward both to Andy for his review and evaluation. Eric agrees.
 - Noted this is a safety issue for team members and spectators
- **Ivy Ross** – EAC (Environmental Advisory Council) and Open Space (Open Space and Land Preservation Committee)
 - Offers her availability for information and to answer any questions regarding EAC and Open Space
 - Much appreciated by all on P&R board

PRESENTATIONS BY GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS (none at this meeting)

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Bike and Hike Trails Committee
 - a. Dan noted that in light of discussion at last month's meeting, motioned to table Liaison Reports, items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6
 - b. Joanne second, all in favor, motion carries.
2. Open Space and Land Preservation Committee (Ivy)
 - a. See item 1.
3. Environmental Advisory Committee
 - a. See item 1.
4. Communications Board
 - a. See item 1
5. Mary Barness Community Pool Committee; Recent Meeting and Reports Summary
 - a. Early Bird pool registration is OPEN !!! Everyone may sign up.

- b. 300+ responses to survey
 - c. Concepts to be presented by consultant to group next week
 - d. After review and evaluation of concepts, narrow down to best for public presentation
 - e. All pools planned to be open this summer.
6. Open Space Master Plan Committee
 - a. See item 1
 7. Directors Report, (BOS Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports), (Programs Update) (Annual Budget Status) (End Of Year/Season Reports) (Community Room Progress Update)
 - a. WIP – community room demolition of prior building mostly completed
 - b. Turnout for recent Lego and Dino kids program very nice and well received.
 - c. Feb kid programs of Princess and Space Explorers expected to go well.
 - d. Dan asks about Barness tower demolition
 - i. Additional equip that twp does not have is required
 - ii. As a result, still need to have external contractor complete
 - iii. Continually re-evaluate this as project continues
 - e. Request for Andy to present budget updates to future meetings

OLD BUSINESS

1. Recognition of Carol Rice and Bob McNulty
 - a. Already approved by P&R board for recommendation to BOS.
 - b. Andy will verify years of service to proceed
 - c. Noted that we consider adding Rick for his years of appreciated service and contribution also.
2. Sports Organization End of Year Meetings
 - a. Andy to share list of all organizations and contacts so Dan can reach out to schedule with each.
3. Scout Chimney Swift Tower Project Location
 - a. Location updated to be near trail end at Special Equestrians, therefore more of Open Space, rather than P&R project
 - b. Ivy shared that requirements for Chimney Swift reviewed by Audubon consultant and Vinobha Pannerselvam (EAC) to evaluate habits (nocturnal) and optimal location for tower.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Assignment of Committee and Board Liaisons
 - a. Dan notes that in light of discussion at last month's meeting, he motions to table this item.
 - b. Joanne second, all in favor, motion carries.
 - c. Noted that all are encouraged to still attend meeting as per prior assignments.
2. Emergency Medical Kits at Sports Venues (Dan)
 - a. What is the risk management with regards to AED's (automated external defibrillators) at township sports facilities
 - b. Many questions
 - i. Whose responsibility?
 - ii. How to coordinate use and maintenance?
 - iii. Avoidance of undue burden for volunteers?
 - c. Present in twp building and 2 at pool

- d. Andy will reach out to DVIT (Del Val Insurance Trust) for clarification on twp responsibility and risk mgt assessment.
- 3. Boy Scout Sensory Path at Lions Pride Concept
 - a. Very interesting concept – however, not seen as the best location for this type of project
 - b. LP already designed with many sensory features. Included in original concept of LP
 - c. Ruth Schemm (BOS) confirms LP sensory design intention and implementation and offers herself as resource for additional questions in this area.
- 4. Review Of Goals Document (Lise)
 - a. Dan motions to postpone discussion pending further review by board members
 - b. Lise second, all n favor, motion carries
- 5. Expanding the Sponsorship/Memorial Program i.e.: Benches, Trees, Pavers, and Bricks. Combined Form
 - a. Andy working on flyer/brochure that describes different types/options available for different areas with costs
 - i. Requirements for trees in different areas, ecology of area
 - ii. Differences in types of benches depending on area of installation
 - b. Ivy note Doylestown has program for trees that includes anticipated costs of maintenance of planting
 - c. Trees not just limited to open space. Great enhancement value for trails, playground areas, around benches, and sports facilities (for combined park and sports use)

OTHER BUSINESS

Not on Agenda

- 1. Two Board Vacancies need to be filled
 - a. Andy will have Jen put info in e-Link and on website for applicants

ADJOURNMENT

8:16 pm adjournment – Joanne motioned, Jim second, all in favor, motion carries.