



MINUTES

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

March 23, 2023

7:00 pm

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

ATTENDEES: Andy Oles, Dan Mertz, Joanne Mancini, Lise Dietz, Jim Keyser, Ernie Rehr, Mike Diorka, Barry Luber

BOS Liaison: Mike Diorka

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

APPROVAL OF February 2023 MINUTES AND POSTING TO WEBSITE

Joanne motion, Jim second, all 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.)*

Scott Vogin (community resident)

- As member of Bike and Hike Committee, remind all of Bike and Hike Fish Day near the end of April
- Personal comment of positive outlook and looking forward to working with Park and Recreation Board cooperatively

PRESENTATIONS by GROUPS or INDIVIDUALS

1. **Warrington Warwick Softball Organization** (Eric Pincus – President / Ken Griffin – Treasury, Ellie – Vice President)
 - Thank you for temporary fix of fence
 - >350 girls in spring league (>300 intramural, ~40-50 travel), also draw from neighboring communities
 - 60% Warrington, 20% Warwick, remaining outside communities
 - Blue Thunder is the travel program
 - Lights: Presentation made during pandemic
 - Boys Baseball Fields have lights
 - Girls do NOT

- Girls helped with lights on two boy's fields and split costs
- Twp funded 50%, Boys paid 50% (over 5 year period)
- **Request lights for two fields** for Girl's Softball
- Prior 2020 quote for
 - \$175 - \$195k / field (inclusive)
 - \$105 - \$125k / field (just lights)
- Next step: Get Updated Quote
- Dan encourages partnering with Baseball and also work with Private Donors
- Musco (sp?) Lighting: for ideas of foundations to request for funding (the twp as owner of fields would need to make funding request, this needs to be investigated)
- Still drainage issues on the fields (majors)
- Rain can put the out for day or two
 - Repairs can be costly and time consuming
 - \$5k spent on recent maintenance

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Open Space and Land Preservation Committee

- a. Pond to Wetlands Project
 - i. Approval on agenda for next Board of Supervisor's meeting
 - ii. Bids much higher than expected
 - iii. Base bid \$75k
 - iv. Entire project over budget
 - v. Will request additional funds from PA DCNR
- b. Stream Program scheduled for April 1st
- c. Day of Community Service scheduled for May 20th
- d. Discussion of sustainability in Active Parks to include planting new, maintenance of existing, and re-planting trees to enhance all parks

2. Open Space Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee

- a. i.e. Mill Creek
- b. Evaluate and recommend to BoS
 - a. Habitat and preservations and land disturbance
 - b. Wildlife presence and populations
 - c. Wetlands – location with respect to proposed trails
- c. Site visit planned in April

3. Director's Report (Bos Actions), (Works in Progress), (Presented Studies/Reports), (Programs Updates), (Financial Budget Status)

- a. WIP – BoS – Review of pool study plan
- b. Shetland Rd Re-alignment to begin tomorrow
- c. 202 Bypass trail back in progress
 - a. Guide rails installed (wood)
 - b. Paving commence next week
 - c. Connector to many of the other trails
- d. Astronaut kid program last Saturday, very popular and fun had by all
- e. Community Rood Ground Breaking - great turnout, all went well
- f. Fence cap completed for Softball

- g. Demo work for TRF tower begun
- h. Anticipate some work for soccer fields
- i. Budget inquiry by Dan
 - a. Barry will attend next meeting and ask for feed back
 - b. Ernie requests clarification as to P&R Board role in budget process
 - c. Received \$250k from Lindy Corp for naming of Community Room
 - d. Lindy Corp involved in community with donations of \$100k for Lion's Pride and \$50k for Doc Adams

OLD BUSINESS

1. **AEDs for Youth Sports Programs**
 - a. Went before BoS and was tabled
 - b. Dan will speak with Youth Sport's to create document to outline how Sports Orgs will maintain and what the Twp will maintain
 - c. Funding via DVIT – allotment on safety equipment
2. **Sponsorship / Memorial Program**
 - a. Andy still working on this

NEW BUSINESS Revised Agenda

1. **Mary Barness Pool Grant and Pool Replacement Feasibility Study**
 - a. Ernie request clarification as to P&R Board role in process, approval, etc.
 - b. No solar panels in grant, current problems with materials and production not being sustainable and having ethics issues noted
 - c. ~20 other sustainability ideas noted in grant
 - d. Andy gave Pool Study Presentation to all in attendance
 - e. Many different people on committee to cover many aspects of assessment of ideas presented
 - f. \$4 million anticipated range of project cost
 - g. \$2 million grant application
 - h. Anticipate hearing of grant outcome Dec 23 to Jan 24
 - i. Dan motion that P&R Board draft a letter to indicate P&R Board support of applying for grant for pool. Ernie/Joanne second, all in favor
2. **P&R Long and Short Term Goals**
 - a. Document reviewed with revisions and additions noted
 - b. Lise to update for review at next meeting
3. **Tot Lot Improvements (Joanne)**
 - a. Attention to maintenance and improvement of these parks noted in the Pathways document
 - b. Also called "Pocket Parks" as they are embedded in neighborhood areas
 - c. Needs:
 - a. evaluate status of each park
 - b. evaluate to begin to incorporate multi-level use, specifically adult and senior
 - d. Lise mentions possibility of adding outdoor fitness equipment seen in other states

- e. Andy also evaluating same idea. Examples in neighboring Dresher and Blair Mill Parks in Montgomery county.
 - f. Joanne would like to incorporate our twp “Gateway” theme as part of improving and re-branding our neighborhood parks.
4. **P&R Board Vacancy Interviews – Scheduled for April**
- a. Three or four possible candidates

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

9:27 pm adjournment –Joanne motion, Jim second, all in favor