



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC MEETING/WORKSESSION AGENDA  
MINUTES FOR APRIL 30, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 30, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976. The members present were as follows:

**ATTENDANCE:**

Gerald Anderson, Chairperson; John Paul, Vice Chairperson; Marianne Achenbach, Secretary/Treasurer; Matthew W. Hallowell, Sr., and Shirley A. Yannich, members. Staff present were Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; William R. Casey, Esq., Township Solicitor; Thomas A. Gockowski, Township Engineer; Barbara Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager; and Barry Lubert, Chief Financial Officer.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mr. Anderson asked for a moment of silence.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag. Mr. Anderson announced the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be May 14, 2013.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach to approve Resolution # 2013-R-20 recognizing Dick Wieland's twenty (20) years of service as the township's engineer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

Mr. Anderson stated following the meeting an executive session will take place to discuss Victory Gardens.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:**

1. **April 9, 2013 – April 30, 2013**      **\$624,267.52**

Mrs. Achenbach motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the bill list from 04/09/13 to 04/30/13 totaling \$624,267.52. This motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to adjourn the public meeting at 7:34 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

A work session began at 7:35 PM inviting the public but no public participation occurs in a work session.

## **WORK SESSION ITEMS:**

### **2. Board Goals**

Mr. Anderson deferred board goals until a future meeting.

### **3. Begin discussions on the development of a 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan and financial alternatives to fund these project(s).**

Mr. Tieperman presented a 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program spreadsheet indicating the project name, project description, the proposed year, total cost and source of funding. The Board was in agreement that open space funding from developments are to be used solely for open space. Funding for the trail system will be allocated from the first six months of the open space bond.

Mr. Achenbach presented the water and sewer 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program. Funds will have to be borrowed in 2014 which will include a proposed rate study. Mr. Achenbach presented a map and pictures of an exposed sanitary sewer pipe in Palomino Farms. An emergency permit had been obtained to make the repair. The Board directed the township engineer to prepare a cost estimate and time line for Palomino Creek.

Total cost for five years is the non sewer/water capital:	\$19,690,000
Total cost for five years for sewer/water capital:	\$ 7,194,000
Total for all projects for five years:	\$26,884,000

### **4. Review and rank open space project(s)**

Trail development is a priority in allocating open space goals. An updated open space progress report was presented identifying approximately thirteen (13) segments that when completed would interconnect all township sectors with its abutting neighbors of New Britain, Doylestown, Warwick, Warminster, Horsham and Montgomery.

Improvements to the park system were listed including the township's tennis courts. In addition, the parking and traffic circulation issues at Barnes Park need to be addressed. All of the supervisors were in agreement to find a solution to solve the parking access at Barnes Park before field development is started.

A low priority is to obtain more of the unidentified neighborhood pocket parks.

### **5. Discuss EAC wind power initiative**

Environmental Advisory Council submitted a PA Wind Power Campaign for review. The campaign is sponsored by Washington Gas Energy Services (WGES) and solicits local communities and organizations to purchase PA sourced wind energy from WGES.

Mr. Anderson stated the wind power campaign is beneficial; however, the Township cannot favor one company over another. The township needs to open up this campaign up to other companies.

**6. Discuss any other issues to be addressed by the Board of Supervisors**

The following topics were discussed:

- De Minimis Variance policy needs to be updated and added to the township's Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Yannich volunteered to take the lead on this project.
- Tolls Brothers (Warrington Glen) will not be issued any permits until the westbound lane of Street Road is repaired.
- An updated version of the fee schedule to include pavilion use fees will be presented at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.
- A policy should be enacted to schedule the opening and closing of the King Park restroom.
- Victory Gardens paid a \$500 fine on April 30, 2013. The chairman stated that Victory Gardens is now a legal issue and questions are not to be answered by staff.
- Before approval is granted for a two lot preliminary/final subdivision for the Cardamone tract, the zoning issue should be resolved first.
- The Board discussed the Bike and Hike Committee's recommendation to place "Adopt a Trail" signs on township trails. The Board's preference is to keep the proliferation of signs at a minimum. As an alternative, the Board would recognize residents at the township's Volunteer Appreciation event and give them a plaque.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to adjourn the work session at 9:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Edited and Reviewed By:



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Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager