



WARRINGTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR MARCH 28, 2017

The written minutes are a summary of the March 28, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting. For a complete dialog visit the Township's website, www.warringtonTownship.org.

ATTENDANCE

Shirley A. Yannich, Chair; Fred R. Gaines, Vice Chair; Carol T. Baker, Member, Matthew W. Hallowell, Member and Millie A. Seliga, Member (arrived at 7:56 p.m.). Staff present was Barry P. Luber, Township Manager; Vicki L. Kushto, Esq., Clemons Richter and Reiss, Township Solicitor, Thomas Zarko, P.E., CKS Engineers, Township Engineer and Barbara J. Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager/Board Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Yannich called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Ms. Yannich stated the meeting was properly advertised in the Intelligencer. The meeting was moved up from 7:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. due to Snow Storm Stella which canceled the March 14th meeting. Ms. Yannich noted that Supervisor Seliga was involved in an auto accident. Representing Terry Clemons, Esq., was Vicki L. Kushto, Esq., from Clemons Richter and Reiss. Ms. Yannich stated there are two meetings in April. A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th for a conditional use hearing for the applicant Geerling Florist using TDR's. April 18th is a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board of Supervisors will be attending the PSATS Education Conference April 23 to April 26th.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Yannich followed the Call to Order with a pledge to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

There was no executive session held.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

1. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

a. March 1, 2017 – March 14, 2017: \$1,576,938.03

Mr. Gaines motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to approve the bill list from March 1, 2017 through March 14, 2017 for totaling \$1,576,938.03. By roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0.

b. March 15, 2017 – March 28, 2017: \$830,310.13

Mr. Gaines motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to approve the bill list from March 15, 2017 through March 28, 2017 totaling \$830,310.13. By roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Gaines noted there were questions on both bill lists and staff resolved and answered the questions.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:**a. February 14, 2017 Approval of Minutes.****b. February 28, 2017 Post Minutes.**

Ms. Yannich noted the employment agreement with the Township manager was tabled.

c. March 10, 2017 Work Session to Post Minutes.

Ms. Yannich noted all five supervisors attended a work session meeting at 3400 Pickertown Road to discuss the usage of this building. Historically, the 3400 Pickertown Road building had been an elementary school, Township building, police station, codes office and public works office.

d. Consider approving the formation of the Warrington Hiking Club.

Mr. Gaines introduced Gerry Sapers, Chair of the Bike and Hike Trails Committee to give a report. Mr. Sapers stated the Bike and Hike Trails Committee expressed a desire to form a hiking club. In 2010, the Bucks County Senior Hike Club has scheduled hikes each month. The formation of Warrington Hiking Club would be for all residents of all ages and is planned to establish hikes on diversified trails for all residents in the Township. The first hike is proposed to be scheduled on June National Trail Day. It was noted that this club is covered under the Township's insurance policy.

Public Comment:

Sejal Sheth (2922 Maggie Way) expressed concern about the PECO area where the bushes are not maintained on the trail and that there are no sidewalks. Mr. Zarko will research the agreement to find out whose responsibility it is. Mr. Luber stated the Public Works Department maintains the trails all through lower Nike which encompasses the trail adjacent to the power lines just off Street Road. They usually cut six (6) feet on either side of the path and leaving the remaining part uncut per the Environmental Advisory Council.

Ms. Baker motioned, seconded by Mr. Gaines to approve the formation of the Warrington Hiking Club. All were in favor and the motion passed 4-0.

e. Consider approving Swim Club Concession Stand Agreement for 2017.

Ms. Yannich listed all the items of responsibility as stated in the concession stand agreement between the Township and Sheila McCoy. The concession stand and the storage area to be rented are located at the Mary Barness Swim Club.

f. Consider Authorization to advertise for bids for Water Main Extension – Center Street & 611.

Ms. Yannich stated the bid to be advertised from Street Road to Center Street and 611 are two separate projects funded through the Air National Guard. The bid opening is scheduled for April 19th. Mr. Gaines suggested adding sidewalks to the bid from Walgreens to Benchsmith on 611. Mr. Zarko stated this would not be funded under ANG but could be a separate change order.

Mr. Gaines motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to advertise the bids for the water main extension – Center Street and 611. Mr. Hallowell stated the bids to advertise are just for the water extension. All were in favor and the motion passed 4-0.

g. **Consider 2017/2018 Bucks County Consortium Highway Material Joint Bid Award.**

Ms. Yannich read the memorandum from the Director of Public Works listing the three objectives that will be accomplished by awarding the bid to Eureka Quarry and Plumstead Materials. These two companies were also the low bidder. Mr. Hallowell was in agreement with the recommendation presented by the Director of Public Works.

h. **Consider to authorize Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the Maintenance Property Code Ordinance.**

Ms. Yannich noted an amendment to the Maintenance Property Code Ordinance was being proposed to establish the maximum grass height. Mr. Hallowell questioned the amendment and suggested for the Director of the Code Department to address this issue at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Hallowell tabled, seconded by Mr. Gaines to request Mr. Greenberg to approach the Board of Supervisors relating to the grass height. All were in favor and the motion passed 4-0.

i. **Consider to authorize Solicitor to prepare and advertise an amendment to the Use and Occupancy Permit Ordinance.**

Ms. Yannich stated amendments to the Municipal Code and Ordinance need to be updated to the Ordinance as set forth by State standards.

j. **Consider approval to execute Financial Security Agreement for Lingo (Warrington Crossing).**

Ms. Yannich stated the Financial Security Agreement and Land Development Agreement is for the Lingo development subdivision located at the Pickertown Road and Stump Road intersection, tax parcel 50-004-100 comprising of 6.76 acres, creating seven single family lots. This agreement notes all the conditions to be made by the developer.

k. **Consider authorization to advertise for water storage tank repainting.**

Ms. Yannich stated a memorandum from the Director of the Water and Sewer Department is requesting authorization to advertise for three tanks to be painted. Two tanks (Orchard Hill and Fairways) are slated for 2017 and one tank (Costner) is slated for 2018. Ms. Yannich stated the total cost for all three tanks is approximately \$875,000. Mr. Zarko reported that there was an inspection of the interior and exterior of all three tanks.

l. **Consider authorization to advertise to bid sanitary sewer rehabilitation for the Costner Water Tank Driveway.**

Mr. Zarko reported that an existing sanitary sewer line that goes to the Costner Water Tank is under a driveway and is in need of rehabilitation. The approximate cost of the work should not exceed \$200,000.

m. **Consider Resolution designating April 10-14, 2017 as "Local Government Week".**

Ms. Yannich stated through PSATS, Local Government Week as been designated by resolution for the week of April 10, 2017. Local Government Week is a good way to promote local government to the residents and to reach out to the schools.

n. **Consider Resolution denying Regal Cinemas Liquor License Transfer Request.**

Ms. Yannich reported she had voted to approve the liquor license transfer to the Regal Cinemas at the February 28th meeting; however the motion to deny the request was 4-1. A Resolution was prepared by the Solicitor denying Regal Cinemas a liquor license for the property at 104 Easton Road, Building F.

o. **Consider Resolution to approve updated Water and Sewer Standard Specification.**

Ms. Yannich stated the water and sewer standard specifications can be viewed at the Township office.

Mr. Hallowell motioned, seconded by Mr. Gaines to accept and approve the Consent Order Items A through O as read by Chair Ms. Yannich. All were in favor and the motion passed 4-0.

3. PRESENTATION BY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL 2016 ANNUAL REPORT.

Chairman Fred Suffian presented the Environmental Advisory Council's 2016 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Suffian introduced the members of the council to the Board. (See Attachment "A") Ms. Yannich stated the volunteers on this council have saved the taxpayers over 6 digits with all of the work and efforts they have accomplished for the Township.

4. PRESENTATION BY OPEN SPACE AND LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT.

Chair Ruth Schemm presented the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee 2016 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Schemm introduced the Open Space Committee members to the Board and thanked Ms. Yannich and staff Roy Rieder for their continuing support. (See Attachment "B") Ms. Yannich asked Ms. Schemm to state her qualifications as a member of the Committee.

5. PRESENTATION BY ZONING HEARING BOARD 2016 ANNUAL REPORT.

Chairman Frank Shelly presented the Zoning Hearing Board 2016 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Shelly noted the board members and thanked staff Roy Rieder for his support. (See Attachment "C"). Ms. Yannich stated the Zoning Hearing Board is "quasi-judicial" and not an advisory board to the supervisors. The Zoning Officer is an appointee of the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mike Kelly (135 Muirfield Lane) expressed a safety concern at Victory Gardens on 611. The manager will ask staff to investigate.
- Juan Feniak (3032 Bradley Road) requesting speed humps on Bradley Road to slow people down because they are not adhering to the 15 mph signs. Mr. Luber said he will meet with the Township engineer and police department to revise the Ordinance restricting truck traffic and will also look into traffic calming measures.
- Kenneth Foladare (3185 Fox Drive) requested a gate to stop traffic to Camp America.
- Sejal Sheth (2922 Maggie Way) stated a grading issue and drainage problem from the Bradford development to their property has not been resolved. Mr. Zarko stated he has met with the builder to correct the problem. Ms. Yannich requested for Mr. Sheth to work with the Township engineer and if not satisfied to file a civil suit against the builder.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None7. **OLD BUSINESS:**a. **Consider approval to move forward with Lions Pride Playground and Resolution for a grant application for this project.**

Mr. Luber stated the Park and Recreation Board recommended the plan and forward the plan to the supervisors. Consultant, Ann Toole is donating her time to prepare a grant application to the DCNR in the amount of \$425,000. The Township will provide a 50% match consisting of the \$150,000 contribution made by the Warrington Lions Club; \$200,000 In-Kind match (labor, fringe benefits and vehicles used by Public Works) and \$75,000 Township payment for material cost/equipment rental/disposal cost associated with the Public Works In-Kind match. The \$75,000 can be built into the 2018 budget. Ms. Yannich stated the Warrington Lions Club will continue their fundraising efforts.

Mr. Gaines motioned, seconded by Ms. Seliga to approve the completion of the grant via Resolution to DCNR with Ann Toole completing the grant at no cost to the Township. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:

- Kenneth Foladare (3185 Fox Drive) opposes the playground.
- Lisa DelVito (291 Folly Road) expressed concern to manage traffic and parking.
- Dan Scott (3164 Fox Drive) suggested revising plan for playground to fit at John Paul Park @ Lower Nike.
- Seth Ganzman (903 Bentley Court) inquired about the parking lot and number of spaces.

Mr. Luber stated a traffic impact study for parking and traffic will be completed.

Ms. Seliga stated the Twin Oaks Park has been abandoned since the closing of the day camp. Taxes will not be raised to fund the playground concept and this plan will benefit the residents.

b. **Water Supply Update and Discussion on Wells 4, 5, 8 and 11 as back-up to surface water as purchased from NWWA.**

Mr. Gaines stated that the Township may consider applying for the PENNVEST Grant.

Mr. Zarko suggested meeting with the PENNVEST representatives to discuss the projects and find out what funding will be available.

Mr. Gaines motioned, seconded by Ms. Seliga Township Engineer to obtain more information and present the information to the Board of Supervisors at a future meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:

- Mike Kelly (135 Muirfield Lane) inquired about the four wells that are below the criteria set by the ANG.
- Mike McGeehan (1099 Lincoln Ct) asked how Horsham Township received the grant. Mr. Hallowell stated Horsham Township applied for the grant a long time ago.

c. **Consider authorization to advertise an Ordinance for Folly and Pickertown Roads Truck Restrictions.**

Mr. Zarko coordinated an engineering study for Folly Road between County Line Road and Bristol Road and Pickertown Road between Lower State Road and Bristol Road based on the scope of the study, crash history evaluation and 24 hour truck classification count data. Conclusions and recommendations were made. The Township Solicitor prepared an Ordinance to restrict truck traffic that is over 25 feet in length.

Mr. Hallowell motioned, seconded by Mr. Gaines to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise an Ordinance for Folly and Pickertown Roads Truck Restrictions. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:

- Dr. Connie Ace (1067 Folly Road) inquired about the date of the testing and the definition of a crash.
- John McConnell (206 Trellis) asked when the signage will be removed and commented that the intersection of Pickertown and Folly Roads have been destroyed by trucks. Mr. Luber stated the public works department has completed grading work at this intersection.

d. **Consider authorization to advertise an amendment to the Bradley Road Truck Ordinance.**

Mr. Zarko stated a width restriction will be placed on a sign for trucks. This modification will be made to the ordinance by amendment. The sign will be placed at the entrance onto Bradley Road from Folly Road to notify that the width restriction is "no vehicles over 7' ahead".

Mr. Hallowell motioned, seconded by Mr. Gaines to authorize advertisement of an amendment to the Bradley Road Truck Ordinance. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

e. **Consider adoption of Ordinance to amend the Board of Supervisors Compensation on or after January 1, 2018 (advertised March 20, 2017).**

Each supervisor elected or appointed to office with a term commencing on or after January 1, 2018 shall receive compensation in an annual amount of \$4,125. The current supervisors do not get a raise during their term. If elected after their term expires, the raise would go into effect.

Ms. Seliga motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to approve the Ordinance to amend the compensation of members of the Board of Supervisors on or after January 1, 2018.

Mr. Gaines recused himself.

By roll call vote, the motion passed 3-1-1 with Mr. Hallowell voting no.

8. **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):**

a. **Consider Resolution to accept the roads in Warrington Springs Phases 1 and 2 for Liquid Fuel purposes.**

Mr. Zarko stated Erin's Way, Diane's Way, Phillips Avenue and Cindy Lane roadways which are part of the Warrington Springs subdivision Phases 1 and 2 are to be dedicated to the Township.

Mr. Hallowell motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to accept the roads in Warrington Springs Phases 1 and 2 for Liquid Fuel purposes. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

b. **Consider Resolution to accept a road in Warrington Springs Phase 3 for Liquid Fuel purposes.**

Mr. Zarko stated Access Road which is part of the Warrington Springs Phase 3 subdivision is to be dedicated to the Township. Ms. Seliga questioned the naming of "Access Road".

Ms. Baker motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell to accept Access Road in Warrington Springs Phase 3 for Liquid Fuel purposes. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

c. **Discussion of Mill Creek facility (3400 Pickertown Road)**

Ms. Yannich gave a background description of 3400 Pickertown Road and its usage over the years. A rough estimate to make the building ADA accessible and various upgrades would be almost \$150,000. Ms. Yannich noted the need for a community room. Mr. Zarko reported to prepare a design, accept bids and start construction would be a year. Mr. Gaines suggested deferring this project to the 2018 budget process. Ms. Yannich suggested to work with the Township Manager and also for Ms. Seliga to discuss the usage of the Mill Creek facility.

Public Comment:

- Dr. Connie Ace (1067 Folly Rd) representing the Historic Commission asked to preserve the historic structure if renovations are made to 3400 Pickertown Road.
- John McConnell (206 Trellis) inquired about the property use behind the building. Mr. Luber stated it is being used by the public works department.
- Kenneth Foladare (3185 Fox Drive) questioned if there were any environmental issues and expenses to the building.
- Mike Kelly (135 Muirfield Lane) asked if there was money in the budget to fix the tennis and basketball courts at the Swim Club. If there was, use these funds for something else.

d. **Consider ballot referendum to increase taxes to support a new library in Warrington.**

Ms. Yannich stated a ballot referendum will need to be prepared by the Solicitor for the November election which would state a millage increase to cover the expense of a new library.

After discussion, Ms. Yannich tabled the consideration for a ballot referendum to increase taxes to support a new library in Warrington until the April 18th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Public Comments:

The following residents opposed a new library in Warrington:

- Mike McGeehan (1099 Lincoln Court)
- Kenneth Foladare (3185 Fox Drive)
- Eric Thompson (291 Folly Road)

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

a. **Consider approval for a change order for the Palomino/Barclay Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.**

Mr. Zarko stated the change order pertains to storm sewer related repair work on Palomino Drive in the amount of \$16,125.00.

Mr. Hallowell motioned, seconded by Mr. Gaines to approve the change order for the Palomino/Barclay Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

b. **Consider for approval agreement with Warrington Police Benevolent Association (WPBA).**

Mr. Luber reported that IRS regulations were not followed for clothing allowance and gym memberships for six police officers. An agreement was prepared between the Township and the WPBA.

Mr. Gaines motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell to approve the agreement with the Warrington Police Benevolent Association. The motion passed 4-1, with Ms. Seliga voting no.

Public Comment:

- Seth Ganzman (903 Bentley Court) asked what the cost was to reimburse the gym membership and clothing allowance. He was told that it was \$1200 per year. Mr. Ganzman stated the reimbursement should be continued until 2019.

10. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

a. **General Update:**

Mr. Zarko summarized the Palomino/Greyhorse project and the 2017 Road Improvement Project that were presented in CKS' monthly engineering activities status reports.

11. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

a. **Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision for consideration for Geerling Conditional Use Hearing.**

Mr. Clemons submitted a report on the conditional use application of Geerling Florist, Inc., that was presented at the February 28, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ms. Baker motioned, seconded by Mr. Gaines to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision as prepared by the Township Solicitor. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment:

- Dr. Connie Ace (1067 Folly Road) inquired about the status of the historic buildings.
- Seth Ganzman (903 Bentley Court) questioned the application using TDR's.

b. **ZHB Application 17-04: Nicklas-Freund, 1063 Hackney Way, request for a dimensional variance.**

Mr. Clemons stated the Zoning Hearing Board granted relief to the applicants.

- c. **ZHB Application 17-05: Kristiansen, 2567 Bristol Road, request for a special exception to operate a child care facility on the property as a professional home occupation.**

Mr. Clemons stated the Zoning Hearing Board denied relief to the applicant.

Mr. Clemons also reported that the Zoning Hearing Board granted relief to 1745 Appaloosa regarding side yard setback.

12. EXTENSION REQUESTS: None.

13. DEDICATION REQUESTS: None.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Gaines stated that the Board of Supervisors should consider a Resolution to support PA Senate Bill 22 at the next Board meeting. Mr. Gaines also requested to investigate the reduction of taxes for twenty historic buildings within Warrington Township.

Ms. Baker reported that the Warrington Police Crime Watch is sharing information on both Facebook and the tip line. She attended an EMS seminar as police liaison.

Mr. Hallowell stated that he attended a PECO seminar on PA One Call 811, along with the Director of Public Works and the Zoning Officer/Director of Special Projects.

Ms. Seliga reported that the Communications Advisory Board is working with Granicus to obtain better reception for the Board videos. Ms. Seliga would also like to discuss the Homestead Act at a future meeting. Ms. Seliga also made reference to a TDR Ordinance.

Ms. Yannich inquired if one supervisors meeting that went past midnight was in violation of the sunshine law. Ms. Yannich stated upon the advice of the Township solicitor, it was not. Ms. Yannich noted that fifty minutes were spent on the consent items. Ms. Yannich also noted that this meeting was a combination of two meetings due to the weather cancellation of the March 14th meeting.

Mr. Lubber suggested adding a paragraph below the consent items on future agendas for the public to read and posted to the website.

Mr. Lubber reminded the public that the signup form to be notified of news, events and emergencies is printed in the Spring Link. Mr. Lubber also noted that applications from high school seniors are available through the Township's Warrington Cares Employee Charity. WCEC is giving out four (4) \$2500 scholarships to qualified applicants.

The Board of Supervisors agreed to advertise all future Board of Supervisors meeting to begin at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Hallowell motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to adjourn the meeting to 11:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further Ms. Yannich adjourned the meeting at 10:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:


Barbara J. Livrone, Board Secretary

The year 2016 was once again a productive year for the Warrington Environmental Advisory Council (WEAC). With the support of active members, and many other volunteers, we were able to obtain two grants to support our programs, hold a highly successful Community Service Day, naturalize detention basins and enhance one of the Township Trails.

Warrington Community Service Day April 30, 2016

Saturday April 30th, over 170 volunteers participated in our annual Community Service Day, donating their time to work on many great environmental projects for Warrington. Their service saved tax payers over \$21,000. Activities were numerous and challenging. The keystone project this year was led by Woods of Plenty LLC. The project sites were the forest areas adjacent to the trail between Morning Walk Drive and Igo-Porter-Wellings (IPW) Park and in John Paul Park at Lower Nike, just past the bird blind.

The Morning Walk basin and several other previously naturalized basins in the township were maintained. These basins at Morning Walk & Evening Walk, Billingsley & Stump Roads, Guinea Lane & Green Ridge Drive, Guinea Lane and Warwick Road and Hidden Court were all weeded around the previously planted native trees and bushes. Weed barriers of newspapers and mulch were placed around them.

Other projects included weeding and planting around Twin Oaks Park's main building. Girls from Brownie Troop #21873 & Cadet Troop #23 based out of Bridge Valley Elementary school as well as some parents, planted annuals in three gardens at Twin Oaks Park. Students from the Central Bucks South National Honor Society helped with the weeding, mulching, planting and watering the War Memorial garden at IPW Park, under the signs at IPW Park's entrance and both sides of the entrance to John Paul Park at Lower Nike.

Also, in IPW Park a group of volunteers weeded, mulched and planted in our butterfly garden. We also maintained the rain garden. One of our members who worked with the volunteers on the butterfly garden project said, "My group was amazing. They were all such great girls and really motivated to do a good job. We first weeded the whole butterfly garden then edged around it with a shovel. We then planted all of our beautiful plants and laid down all the compost. After lunch we cleaned up both the butterfly and rain gardens and laid down the compost on the rain garden making sure it was higher on the edges then in the middle. We also maintained around the art building, pulling out all the weeds, planting ornamental grass and plants and laying down mulch everywhere. These volunteers worked so hard, and were so pleasant to be around, it wouldn't have been possible to do all of that work without 100% effort on their part." Alyson, who supervised the rain garden maintenance said, "The group of C.B. South boys and girls that had helped us work on the rain garden were the best group yet. Weeding, raking,

cutting and mulching were done to the best of our ability. Robyn, who supervised the Memorial garden project said, "I, like Brianna, had an awesome group of students. They were so creative with the memorial garden and it came out amazing"

Volunteers also picked up litter at the Bradford Dam and at the Willow Knoll development. In addition, they cleaned, sanded and refinished the trail signs from Morning Walk to the Bradford Dam. They built 12 bat houses, 16 screech owl houses and 6 rain barrels. The efforts of our young people were supported by donations from many local businesses. A special thank you to businesses supporting our effort included AAA, Allstate Insurance of Warrington, BJ's, Bound Beverage, Carmel Kitchen, County Line Fence, Bar Louie, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chickie & Pete's, Elbow Lane Day Camp, Home Depot, Lowe's, Panera Bread, Soprano's Pizza, Starbucks, Stutz Candy, Teds Montana Grill, Wawa and Wegmans. Thank you, Warrington's merchants!!





Forest Trail Enhancement for a Greater Community Experience

The keystone project at this year's Community Service Day was led by Woods of Plenty LLC. The project sites were the forested areas adjacent to the trail between Morning Walk Drive and Igo - Porter - Wellings (IPW) Park and in John Paul Park at Lower Nike, just past the bird blind. Woods of Plenty provided Warrington with the expertise to establish our forests as a resilient long-term source of food for both humans and wildlife. With their intimate knowledge gained from studying and observing the forest, woods of plenty staff removed invasive plants and created bio habitats. They worked with Central Bucks South National Honor Society students to plant native fruit and nut producing species that increase biodiversity and food production. When these trees and shrubs mature; these nuts and berries will be available for all to feast on. Take a walk, begin at the Morning Walk detention basin. Enjoy the educational sign that describes the naturalized basin. Walk down the trail towards IPW Park where many of the trees and shrubs have been identified. This is our first edible forest. Step off the trail and enjoy the forest. Continue down into John Paul Park at Lower Nike, just past the bird blind, and you will enter our second edible forest.





EAC Participates in Eagle Scout David Schmidt's Court of Honor

We were proud to attend David's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on July 23rd. This was the third Court of Honor we have attended for scouts that have earned this prestigious rank in conjunction with the Warrington Environmental Advisory Council. David contacted the WEAC and asked for a project that would benefit the community. The project involved removing wires and wooden stakes that were placed several years ago by PENNDOT around newly planted trees. The area was designated as a naturalized riparian buffer by the Army Corps of Engineers, in conjunction with the construction of the 202 Parkway. The project area was located adjacent to the 202 Parkway Service Road, off of Stump Road. Many of the trees had grown very large and the wires were restricting their growth and some of these trees were in jeopardy of dying. In addition to removing the wire around the trees, the scout troop removed invasive vines that could choke the trees. Invasive plants were also removed from the ground surrounding these trees. Boy Scout Troop 24, members of the Central Bucks South National Honor Society, the PENNDOT Environmental Manager, as well as family friends worked under the direction of David Schmidt to complete his project.



National Honor Society Assists in Maintaining Habitat Gardens

On August 9th, the WEAC got a lot of help from some Central Buck South National Honor Society student's. They helped us clean out the butterfly and rain gardens at IPW Park. The butterfly garden was inundated with invasive plants. These two gardens took 15 volunteers 3 hours to clean up.





Warrington Community Day (WCD) 2016

The Warrington Day event of 2016 was as spectacular as the weather that day. The WEAC set up our booth with a lot of educational pamphlets, fun activity books for kids and lots of free giveaways. During our Community Service Day in the spring of this year we made rain barrels, blue bird houses, bat houses and screech owl houses, with the help of the Central Bucks South National Honor Society. There was a lot of interest in the children's activity books and brochures. Another kid's activity that got a great response was our Enviroscape. The Enviroscape is an awesome interactive lesson on point source and non-point source pollution to the watershed. Kids and grownups were able to see a visual depiction of where various forms of pollution are derived from farms, industry, cars, people and locally. While the WEAC was performing the demonstration, you could honestly see their little inquisitive minds at work. Most of the adults were inquiring about what WEAC stands for and our purpose. The answer is: "We work through Warrington Township to make our community more environmentally friendly through education, activities and volunteerism."

Early in the morning, at Warrington Day, two of our council members took part in the Bike and Hike committees' Family Hike. On that hike there were several families who brought along kids and grandparents of all ages. It was evident that these were the people who have genuine concern for our community. They asked a myriad of questions about terrain, plants, and conservation projects along the way.

Quit a few people were very interested in the bat, blue bird and screech owl houses. Many of them shared stories with us about the wildlife that have in their backyard and the houses they already have put out in their yards. We also had a lot of people interested in the free willow oak trees that we gave out. The WEAC wants to provide a special thank you to Bartlett Tree Company for providing bare root native trees as giveaways.



Eagle Scout Plants Habitat Clusters and Shade Trees

Charles (CJ) Robinson's, Eagle Scout Candidate from Scout Troop 172, completed his Habitat Cluster and Shade Tree project during two work days this fall. His project consisted of planting 26 shrubs and 12 trees along a path in John Paul Park at Lower Nike Park. The WEAC secured a grant from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society-Tree Vitalize Program which subsidized the cost of the trees. This project will provide substantial benefits to the ecosystem by providing habitat and food to birds and wildlife. In addition, the trees will reduce air pollution and sequester carbon, reducing our impact to climate change. The shrubs will also provide habitat for pollinators. In the summertime, small reptiles will hide under the plants because it is very cool. These plants also give food and habitats to late season animals which are animals that don't

migrate or hibernate during the winter months. Also, the trees will provide shade to the path, and the shrubs help the aesthetics of the path. In order to complete the project he recruited approximately 26 volunteers that included family, neighbors, fellow boy scouts, girl scouts, and other school students.





Additional Projects

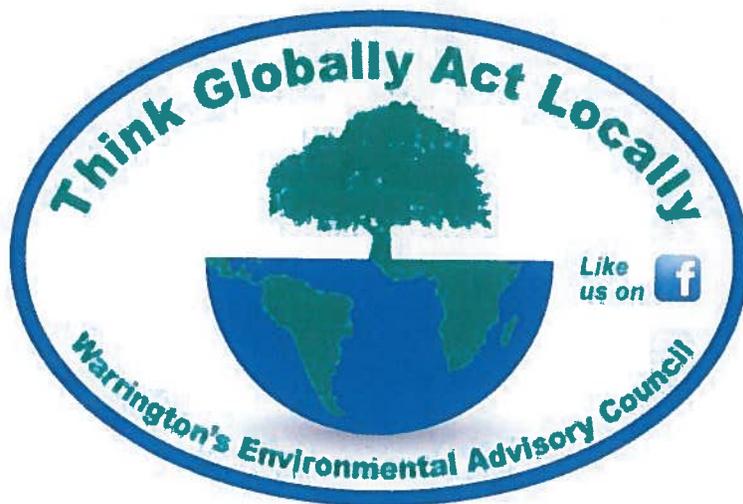
- The WEAC has been working with the Doylestown EAC to extend the existing Bluebird trail from Doylestown Township, through Warrington, along the 202 Parkway. The Blue Bird houses will extend along the Warrington trail portion and will be installed in 2017.
- A total renovation was made at the bird blind. New fencing was placed along both sides of the bird blind, four new feeders were purchased and secured on new supports, including a feeder placed on an in ground pole. We also added an additional type of seed and suet for diversity.

Articles Written for the Links in 2016

Members of the WEAC contributed the following articles to the Link: Compost Your Leaves, Fall Is Ideal For Planting Trees, Manage Water On Your Property To Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Areas, Healthy Natural Lawns, Turn AC Off When You Leave Your House, Blue Bird and Bat Houses, Rain Barrels, Tips for a Healthy Yard, Soil Test for Lush Green Gardens and Lawns, and Protect Your Trees, etc.

Show Your Support for the Warrington Environmental Advisory Council

The WEAC works with our township to make our community more environmentally friendly and in turn help the environment globally. With that goal in mind, we have created a removable (magnetic) bumper sticker that reflects our belief.



Attachment "B"



OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE SUMMARY REPORT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS March 28, 2017

Accomplishments October, 2016 to March 2017:

- Continue to work with EAC, Bike and Hike and Park and Recreation Advisory Committees on shared issues
- Prepare 2 articles that appeared in the Link
- Provide information and support for consideration of "child in the wild" concept to interested township and resident thought leaders. Provide voice in planning meetings to support this initiative.
- Citizen oversight of open space bond budget
- Input on external grants submitted for Township Open Space initiatives
- Education of Township residents at Township events
- Support Twin Oaks concept planning process and offer technical expertise when appropriate in public and resident meetings.
- Monitor 7 properties that remain on open space consideration list
- Attend Bucks County Planning Commission Meeting to support request for funds.
- Seek resident input in monitoring of open space resources and decisions
- Develop strategies for partnerships to maximize Green space
- Foster a culture where Green infrastructure is integrated into land conservation planning
- Encourage resident champions of holistic green infrastructure to participate in long term preservation initiatives.
- Explore "Big" Trees of Warrington as initiative to increase and preserve open space in township

ACTION REQUESTED

OSAC requests action on 3 items:

RECOMMENDATION 1: Add conservation easements as an additional method to acquire open space parcels in Warrington Township.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Post the University of Maryland, Environmental Finance Center Report, *A Green Infrastructure Approach to Leverage Local Priorities in Warrington Township, PA* (9/30/14) on Warrington Township Website

RECOMMENDATION 3: Offer feedback on "*Big Trees of Warrington*" concept

RECOMMENDATION 4: Provide accessible open space maps for Township residents.

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DATE: February 28, 2017

RE: Annual Report – Warrington Township Zoning Hearing Board

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Meetings held – 6

January 25, 2016
April 25, 2016
May 23, 2016
June 27, 2016
October 24, 2016
November 28, 2016

Residential Hearings -6

Ivan Baran, 2236 Street Road, relief granted
Richard Alsdorf, 1591 Stuckert Road, relief denied
Stephen and Christina Dachowski, 597 Georgetown Lane, relief granted
Keith and Clare McGee, 1111 Princeton Court, relief granted
Edward and Kelly Mulroy, 761 Warrington Avenue, relief granted

John T. and Catherine L. Larkin, 2270 Tohickon Lane, relief granted

Non-residential Hearings -2

TCL Holdings, County Line Road and Titus Avenue, relief granted

Wallace Kerrigan on behalf of Target Corporation, 401 Easton Road, special exception granted

Appeals pending – 1

Alsdorf

Additional information for each case may be found on the Zoning Hearing Board's minutes or in the Decisions and Orders for each individual case.