



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES FOR MAY 12, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

The written minutes are a summary of the May 12, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting. For a complete dialog visit the Township's website, [www.warringtontownship.org](http://www.warringtontownship.org).

**Due to the COVID-19 crisis, this meeting and all future Board of Supervisors meetings will be held by video conferencing until further notice.**

**ATTENDANCE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

Fred R. Gaines, Chair; Ruth L. Schemm, Vice Chair; Carol T. Baker, Member, Eileen Albillar, Member and Mark E. Lomax, Member.

Staff present was Barry P. Luber, Township Manager; Terry Clemons, Esq., Clemons Richter and Reiss, Township Solicitor; Thomas Zarko, P.E., CKS Engineers, Township Engineer; Barbara J. Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager/Board Secretary.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Gaines called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Mr. Gaines welcomed everyone to the virtual May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Gaines followed the Call to Order with a pledge to the flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Gaines stated the public can send in comments via the Zoom chat room or by email to [publicinfo@warringtontownship.org](mailto:publicinfo@warringtontownship.org)

There was no public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

Mr. Gaines stated an executive session was held to discuss a personnel matter due to budgetary implementations from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Mr. Gaines announced St. Mary's Hospital and AFC Urgent Care, 781 Easton Road are both offering COVID-19 testing.

**PRESENTATION OF 2019 ANNUAL REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC).**

Chair Fred Suffian and Vice Chair Ivy Ross were both in attendance to present the 2019 EAC Annual Report. Mr. Suffian showed fifteen slides. Mr. Suffian highlighted his report by stating a donation of 300 trees was planted at Buttercup Blvd and two locations within John Paul Park @ Lower Nike. The donation from Bucks Beautiful saved taxpayer monies.

The memorial garden at IPW was replanted and a new fence was installed.

The EAC was able to obtain two grants to support their programs, participate at Warrington Community Day and naturalize detention basins and beautify one of the trails within the township. (Attachment "A").

The Board of Supervisors thanked the EAC for all of their hard work and commitment to the township.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**1. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:**

a. **2020 Invoices for the Period April 29, 2020 to May 12, 2020 in the amount of \$1,352,606.24.**

Ms. Baker motioned, seconded by Mr. Lomax to approve the 2020 invoices paid for the period April 29, 2020 to May 12, 2020 in the amount of \$1,352,606.24. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

**2. CONSENT ITEMS:**

Mr. Gaines asked if any clarification was needed for the consent items as presented.

Mr. Lomax requested further discussion of Agenda Item 2D.

Mr. Lomax motioned, seconded by Ms. Albillar to approve Consent Items A through C, E and F. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0. (Attachment "B")

- a. April 14, 2020 to Approve Minutes for Board of Supervisors meeting.
- b. April 28, 2020 to Post Minutes for Board of Supervisors meeting.
- c. Consider Resolution approving DCED grant application for Lions Pride Park – Phase 3.
- d. Consider Change Order for Police Station project – Driveway entrance card reader and "Intelligent Key Core System."

Mr. Lomax questioned the access to the police department and its availability to emergency services. Mr. Luber stated the access will be available to other agencies.

Mr. Lomax motioned, seconded by Ms. Schemm to approve Consent Item D. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0. (Attachment "B")

- e. Request authorization to advertise for bids; Scarlet Oak Drainage Improvements Project.
- f. Request authorization to advertise for bids; 2020 Storm Sewer Repair/Rehabilitation Project.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **Consider proposal from Natural Lands for the Master Plan for Mill Creek, Weisel and Emerson Farms.**

This proposal is for Master Planning services for the Mill Creek Preserve, Weisel Preserve and the open space at the Emerson Reserve. The three properties contain approximately 180 acres of agricultural lands, woodlands, meadows, wetlands and streams.

Ms. Baker questioned moving the maps from the original Master Plan to this new project.

Ms. Ross responded that Natural Lands will use the existing resources.

Mr. Gaines stated he was in favor of the proposal completing the scope of work not to exceed \$40,600.

Ms. Schemm motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to approve the proposal from Natural Lands for the Master Plan for Mill Creek Preserve, Weisel Preserve and Emerson Farms Preserve. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

### a. Consider Resolution accepting Dedication of Improvements in Oak Creek Development.

Mr. Clemons reported there are two resolutions for the Oak Creek development. One resolution is accepting the remaining public improvements and the other resolution is accepting roads for liquid fuels purposes.

Ms. Baker motioned, seconded by Ms. Albillar approve the Resolution accepting Dedication of Improvements and the Resolution accepting Maggie Way within the Oak Creek development. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

### b. Consider Resolution accepting Dedication of Improvements in Warrington Ridge Development.

Mr. Clemons reported there are two resolutions for the Warrington Ridge development. One resolution is accepting the remaining public improvements and the other resolution is accepting roads for liquid fuels purposes.

Ms. Baker motioned, seconded by Ms. Albillar approve the Resolution accepting Dedication of Improvements and the Resolution accepting the roadways within the Warrington Ridge development. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

## 6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

### a. Deferred Payment Plan for Property owners required to replace curbing and sidewalk as part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program.

Mr. Luber reported that the township has been inspecting all property owners curbing and sidewalk on streets that are part of the 2020 paving project. Mr. Luber is recommending for the residents who need their curbing and sidewalk replaced, to be able to defer their cost until 2021.

Mr. Zarko explained that the concrete needs to be repaired or replaced before the road is paved. This will help to maintain the life of the road.

Ms. Baker asked what the time frame is for the completion of the curbing and sidewalk replacement. Mr. Zarko stated this work must be completed within thirty (30) days of paving.

Mr. Zarko listed the roads that are affected by the 2020 roadway improvement program.

Ms. Albillar motioned, seconded by Mr. Lomax to approve the curbing and sidewalk replacement for the 2020 roadway paving program and defer payment by the residents until 2021. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

**7. DEDICATION REQUEST:** None.**8. ENGINEER'S REPORT:****a. Update**

Mr. Zarko reported that bids have been released for the 2020 Roadway Paving Program and the bid approval will be presented at the May 26, 2020 Board meeting.

Mr. Zarko reported on the Meridian improvements listed under the Bond. A punch list for said improvements has been sent to the developer.

**9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Clemons stated the solicitor representing the Zoning Hearing Board has a pending hearing scheduled for June 22, 2020.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

Ms. Baker commented on lawn mowing being completed by the Public Works Department.

Ms. Albillar requested Zoom meetings for all various boards and committees. Mr. Luber stated an email was sent to the Chairs of each board and committee, except for Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board to hold their monthly meeting by Zoom. The Zoom meetings will be listed on the website, monthly E-Link and a notification of said Zoom meetings will be sent to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Lomax complimented and thanked Fred Suffian and Ivy Ross for their presentation of the EAC's 2019 Annual Report. Mr. Lomax stated a Zoom meeting was held by the Historic Society.

Mr. Gaines inquired about the status of hiring a Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Luber stated a conditional offer has been made to the prospective CFO. Reference and background checks need to be completed. The anticipated start date is June 22, 2020.

Mr. Luber reported on the following items:

- Construction has started May 12<sup>th</sup> on Lions Pride Park.
- The new Police Station is still under construction.
- The opening date for Warrington's Mary Barness Community Pool has not been decided. Discussion will be held during the May 26, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Staff is coming back two days a week on alternating days. Everyone's temperature is being checked before entering the office. Masks and gloves are available to the employees. There is one way signs posted in the hallways. The building is not open to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Albillar motioned, seconded by Ms. Schemm to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

  
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Barbara J. Livrone, Board Secretary

# Attachment "A"

The year 2019 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.

## Bucks Beautiful plants 300 Trees in Warrington

On April 12, the WEAC was fortunate to receive a donation of 275 Red Maple trees and 25 Katsura Trees from Bucks Beautiful. Bucks Beautiful contractors, Bucks County Gardens and Gale Nurseries planted 225 of the trees and Warrington Township Public Works staff planted the remaining trees. The trees are part of Bucks Beautiful RePlant Bucks Initiative. The trees were planted at Lions Pride, Barness and John Paul Parks and the Stormwater detention basin on Buttercup Boulevard. The retail value of this effort would have cost taxpayers over \$45,000. The Return on Environmental Investment will exceed over \$83,000 over 25 years



## Return on the Environment 2019

The WEAC continued a program to encourage homeowners to plant native trees and shrubs and create backyard habitats for birds, bees, butterflies and other pollinators. By getting your neighbors involved we can expand our natural system services and create a connected pattern of open space. This is the best way to maximize nature's ecological and financial value and maintain long-term ecological benefits. Only then can we build a foundation for a vibrant, balanced economy and a healthy, desirable community for current residents and future generations.

What we do to our land, impacts our quality of life, health, cost of living, sense of place and economy. Every resident has an important role to play. Our natural assets are essential to our everyday life.



- Reduce the size of your lawn by planting additional native trees and shrubs
- Create a pollinator garden
- Attract birds, owls and bats by installing houses
- Install rain gardens to capture roof run off
- Conserve water by installing rain barrels and water saving devises on showers
- Conserve energy by installing smart thermometers, insulating your attic
- Reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and pest controls and use natural products
- Replace your blacktop driveway with porous pavers

### **Native Plant Sale**

The Warrington Township Environmental Advisory Council (WEAC) held our 2nd annual Native Plant Sale on April 27, 2019 at the Warrington Township building from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The sale featured native plants and shrubs at wholesale prices. Plants were priced from \$7.00 to \$15.00. Over 500 trees and shrubs were sold. This event was part of a program that the WEAC is sponsoring to promote the planting of native trees and shrubs in our Township. We hope that this will educate residents and provide them with an affordable opportunity to enhance their yards. There are countless benefits to planting natives in our yards. These trees and shrubs are lower in maintenance because they are adapted to our environment. A native landscape uses less water, little or no fertilizer and there is no need for chemicals or pesticides.



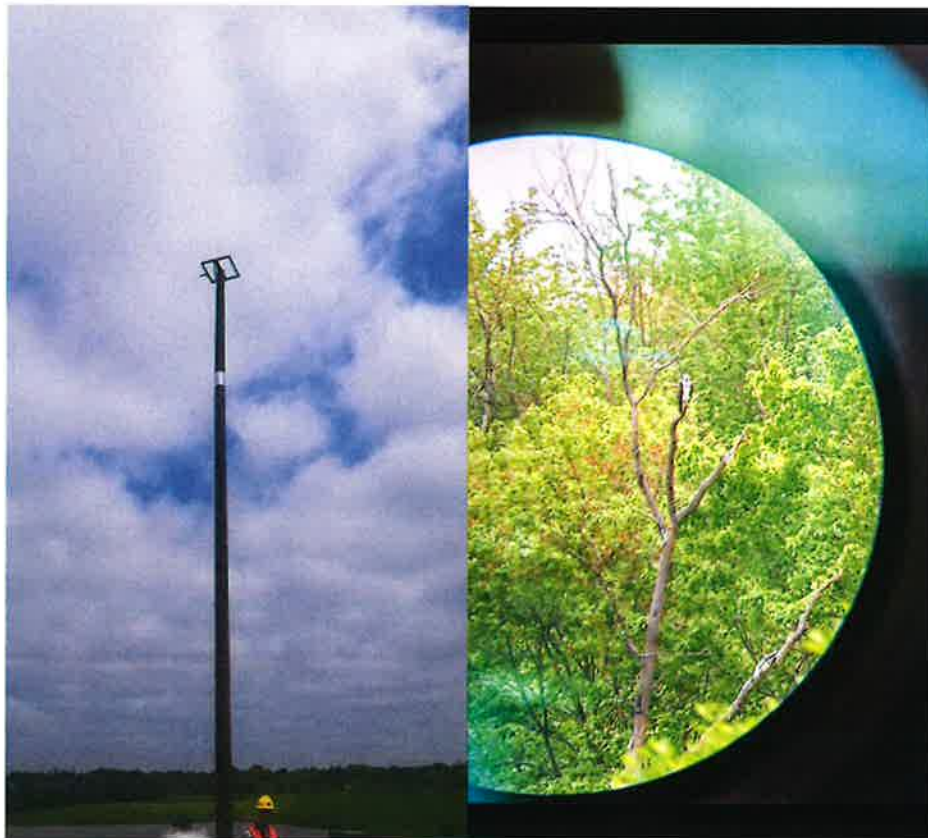
### **Monarch Way Station Ready for Visitors**

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Eagle Scout candidate, Daniel Haschets, created a Monarch Way-station at Lower Nike Park, by building a raised bed with a naturalized area behind it. Both areas were planted with pollinator and meadow type plants, including many milkweeds with the idea of providing habitat for Monarch Butterflies, other butterflies and pollinators. The garden qualified and was registered at Monarch Watch



### **Osprey Nest Installed**

May 8<sup>th</sup> was the culmination of two years of planning between the WEAC, Pennsylvania Game Commission and the PECO Exelon Company's Environmental Compliance Division to erect an Osprey Platform at the Bradford Reservoir. Through extensive coordination with the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Department, an acceptable site was chosen for placement of the pole. The pole was donated by PECO and the platform was constructed and donated by the Pa Game Commission. The Game Commission will also be donating an interpretative sign to be placed near the platform. Osprey have already been sighted in the area of the new platform.





## Community Service Day - 2019

The Warrington Environmental Advisory Council's logo is "Think Globally, Act Locally". With that goal in mind, on Saturday May 18, 2019 we worked with our community and held our annual Day of Community Service. Volunteers worked on several projects within our township. Our keystone project occurred at the Storm Water Control Basin located on Buttercup Lane. An Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 172 and his Troop did basin naturalization and planted 100 new trees and 40 new shrubs. This is in addition to the 70 trees previously planted in this basin by Bucks Beautiful and Bucks Country Gardens. Bucks Beautiful and Bucks Country Gardens also donated trees and deer protection. Bucks Beautiful worked closely with members of the WEAC to select the best native tree and shrub species to grow in the basin. Earthborne Equipment donated an auger machine and operator. Also, many people worked at Lower Nike Park planting more native trees and shrubs adding to the 75 plants that have been installed over the last several years. Additional projects included flower planting at 8 locations at Twin Oaks, the entrances of IPW and Lower Nike Park and the Memorial Garden at IPW Park. Many volunteers constructed bat houses and bluebird boxes. The butterfly garden and rain garden in IPW Park received a sprucing up. Both gardens were weeded and received a layer of mulch. The shrubs were pruned and the perennials were thinned to promote healthy growth. Cleanup was done at Willow Knoll. The Township provided gloves, trash bags to those residents who participated. Volunteers from CB South NHS, Boy Scout Troop 172 and 137, Pack 35, Girl Scout Troop 23, members of the community, a robotics group, Township Supervisors, members of the township Historic Committee, Warrington Lions Club, WEAC members and their friends' and a Master gardener from the PA Extension. A huge "THANK YOU!" to all of the dedicated volunteers who helped with these projects!

We thank local Businesses' for their Generous Support of OUR DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, 2019. Allstate Insurance (Eric Bonella), Bound Beverage, Chickie and Pete's, County Line Fence, Earthborne, Elbow Lane Day Camp, Everything but Bundt, Hampton Greens Condominium Association, Home Depot, K.C Prime, Meeco Inc., Mod Pizza, Panera, Pete's Express Car Wash, Saladworks, Total Turf Landscaping, Walmart, Wawa, and Wegmans.





## Warrington Day 2019

This year's Warrington Community Day was the best! Our booth was a buzz with activity. A representative from the Penn State Extension joined the WEAC to educate everyone about the destructive and invasive Spotted Lanternfly. Members of the WEAC gave a brief demonstration of the EnviroScape®, a three-dimensional portable landscape, at Warrington Day. Visitors were very interested in our display of wood duck, bluebird, screech owl, and bat houses drew questions from residents, and many were purchased.

## Forest Trail Enhancement for a Greater Community Experience

The WEAC continues to manage 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. When these trees and shrubs mature; these nuts and berries will be available for all to feast on. Take a walk, beginning at the Morning Walk detention basin. Enjoy the educational signs 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.



### Articles Written for the Links 2019

Members of the WEAC contributed the following articles to the Link: Community Service Day, EAC Annual Report, Plant Sale and Warrington Day.

### Enhancements to Our Rain Garden 2019

Additional grasses and shrubs were planted in our existing rain garden in the fall to provide more coverage and help eliminate the problem of weed growth. All will provide ornamental interest and more importantly, are beneficial to birds, pollinators and butterflies. All are beneficial to birds, pollinators, and butterflies. The grasses also add visual interest with their foliage and flowers in the summer.

### Information Campaign for the Spotted Lanternfly

The WEAC continued our informational campaign on how to identify and control the Spotted Lanternfly. The Lanternfly is an invasive planthopper that has great potential to impact hardwood trees, ornamental plants, fruit trees and grapes.





## Attachment "B"

### Consent Agenda – May 12, 2020

Attached to the agenda and on the Township's website is a supplement to the agenda which contains a heading and brief description for each item listed under the Consent agenda. As in the past, any Board member can ask to remove an item from consent and have it discussed independently.

I would now ask for a motion to approve items **A through F** on the Consent agenda.

- a. April 14, 2020 to Approve Minutes for Board of Supervisors meeting.
- b. April 28, 2020 to Post Minutes for Board of Supervisors meeting.
- c. Consider Resolution approving DCED grant application for Lions Pride Park- Phase 3.

Two (2) projects within the grant application are being proposed, in accordance with the DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program guidelines. The first project is to build a labyrinth next to the tennis courts. The second project is to build a boardwalk and viewing platform through the wooded area off of the existing trail. Both of these areas would be connected to Lions Pride Park by existing trails. The grant requires a 15% cash match and the project is projected to be \$200-250K.

- d. Consider Change order for Police Station Project – Driveway entrance card reader and "Intelligent Key Core System".

This change order is for the addition of a long-range card reader for the entrance gate located outside the Police parking lot through the new entrance driveway. Also included is an additional card reader for Room 119E and intelligent keys and cores.

- e. Request Authorization to Advertise for bids; Scarlet Oak Drainage Improvements Project.

This project involves the improvements to the existing storm drainage facilities at Scarlet Oak Drive.

- f. Request Authorization to Advertise for bids; 2020 Storm Sewer Repair/Rehabilitation Project.

This project involves improvements to existing storm drainage facilities within Warrington Village and the Fairways sections.