



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
MINUTES FOR May 24, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

The written minutes are a summary of the May 24, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting. For a complete dialog visit the Township's website, www.warringtontownship.org.

This meeting was held hybrid both in person at the Township building and via Zoom link. The recorded meeting can be viewed the day after through the Township's website, www.warringtontownship.org

Supervisors: Chair Fred R. Gaines; Vice Chair Eileen Albillar; Ruth Schemm, Member, Michael Diorka, Member; Vanessa Maurer, Member

Staff present: Barry P. Lubber, Township Manager; Terry Clemons, Esquire, Clemons Richter Reiss, Township Solicitor; Tom Zarko, P.E., CKS Engineers, Township Engineer; Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager; Jen Fielding, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager/Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Gaines called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

There were a total of 21 people who attended both in person and via Zoom. The meeting is also "streamed" on the Warrington Township TV channel, so other interested parties are always welcome to watch the meeting using this option.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE to honor Officer Stephen Plum Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*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.*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gaines reported that there was an Executive Session this afternoon to discuss a personnel issue, potential litigation issue, and land acquisition issue.

PRESENTATION – Parks and Recreation Board 2021 Annual Report, Rick Weiss, Chair

Mr. Weiss presented the 2021 Annual Report. Highlights included: the Farmer's Market; new programs such as archery; restarting the babysitting program; approval of the community room to move forward with plans. As well, he highlighted the opening of the DocterAdams® Community Park and is a great neighborhood success.

Ms. Albillar and Ms. Maurer thanked him for his service.

PRESENTATION – Parks and Recreation Board – Naming Three Fields at Barness Park, Rick Weiss, Chair

Mr. Weiss invited Kip Crawford, 1304 Grayson Drive, Souderton, Pa., to share the background for this presentation and agenda item 1.a. He highlighted his years as a resident of Warrington, as well as his coaching in the community. He complimented the Township on its volunteerism and support of the parks and recreation program. He further highlighted that this summer marks the 25th year since the initial Warrington Little League Softball team made it to the World Series in Portland, Oregon. As a result of these memories and experiences, the Warrington Softball Program and the Warrington Parks and Recreation Board would like to commemorate some of those they have lost in recent years, as well as those who contributed to the success of the program. He identified Mr. Joe Spiecker, Ms. Maryann Scarpill, and Mr. and Ms. Ron and Barb Morris as leaders in the community whom they would like to recognize.

The Softball Program will be hosting its All-Star festivities in the near future and plans to bring back the winning team from 1997 to dedicate the fields.

PRESENTATION – Update on Solar Energy for the Township – Environmental Advisory Board - Fred Suffian, Chair

Mr. Suffian presented an update on the use of solar energy for the Township. Highlights included: the reason “why” to use solar; the cost of “doing nothing”; where to install solar panels; direction ownership; environmental impact.

Discussion ensued regarding cost savings, whether or not the Township would review other solar companies, warrantees.

Action: Mr. Gaines would like to see a draft of the warranty for the company in the presentation – Exact Solar.

Ms. Schemm thanked Mr. Suffian for this presentation and making us think about it. Ms. Maurer thanked Mr. Suffian for his enthusiasm for this topic.

Ms. Ilka Werner, 1238 Live Oak Lane, Chalfont, shared some insights into her personal use of solar panels and asked questions of Mr. Suffian and the Board of Supervisors about their vision and direction for the use of solar.

Currently, there are multiple members of the Environmental Advisory Council working with Mr. Suffian on solar energy. Mr. Weiss recommended that Mr. Lubber compare the data from the Police Station from last year to this year to evaluate the savings from the solar panels installed on the roof.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider approval of Resolution naming three fields at Barness Park for Joe Spiecker, Maryanne Scarpill and Ron and Barb Morris**

Ms. Albillar asked if the signage would be consistent with other signs in the Township. Mr. Weiss said that yes, the signage would be consistent. Mr. Diorka would like to see the award ceremony advertised in the eLink. Action: Ms. Fielding will also create a Press Release regarding the ceremony. Ms. Schemm asked about the shift over time due to enrollment in sports activities whether there would be a reason to change the plaque.

Mr. Diorka made a Motion to approve the Resolution naming three fields at Barness Park for Joe Spiecker, Maryanne Scarpill and Ron and Barb Morris; Ms. Maurer seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Consider approval of Ordinance approving Open Space Referendum

Ms. Albillar made a Motion to table item 2.a.; Ms. Maurer seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

Further discussion ensued. If this Ordinance passed, it must be kept for five years. Ms. Kushto also shared that this item could be added to a Primary or General Election referendum. Mr. Diorka asked for clarification regarding how this type of Ordinance would pass. Ms. Kushto explained that it would pass if a majority of the votes cast passed it or a plurality of voters.

3. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Diorka – 1) Mary Barness Community Pool opens this weekend – Open House is June 4th from 4pm to 7pm. 2) Community Room will not be meeting again until the architect returns with hard costs and mechanical drawings. 3) Concerned about the tragedy in Texas with 14 children shot. Asked about the School Resource Officer and where we are with the discussions with Central Bucks School District. Action: Mr. Luber will follow up with Central Bucks School District.

Ms. Schemm – 1) Bike and Hike Committee is interested in providing an app to residents so they will be able to measure the trails; clean up day was a very positive experience. 2) EAC Clean up Day had more than 100 volunteers. She thanked Public Works for their support on this day. 3) Is hearing positive feedback regarding the 80 birdhouses on the Bird House Trail. 4) Special Equestrians now have 13 volunteers and 4 riders. She thanked the new Executive Director.

Ms. Albillar – 1) Thanked Mr. Luber and Ms. Fielding for the 2021 Annual Report, which was published and distributed within the past few weeks to all residents in the Township. This is a great way to share all our Township successes. 2) County Line Road closure – how is it going? Mr. Zarko indicated that he and Mr. Luber are going to be meeting with PennDOT to discuss some temporary adjustments to intersections. McMahon Engineering is looking into this further.

Ms. Maurer – 1) Communications Advisory Board will be working with Ms. Wilson to research vendors to support an updated website platform. Most groups update their websites every 3

to 4 years. The Township's website hasn't been updated in six years. 2) CAB also reported that revenues are declining due to residents canceling cable and moving to streaming services. 3) CAB approved a new member and will be presented at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Gaines - None

4. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. Funeral arrangements for Officer Stephen Plum, Jr.

Mr. Luber shared the information for Officer Stephen Plum, Jr.'s funeral on Friday, May 27th.

5. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- a. **General Report**

- b. **Consider Award of Contract for Special Equestrians Center Roof Replacement Project**

Mr. Zarko is recommending Hulton Contracting be awarded the Special Equestrians Center Roof Replacement Project in the amount of \$130,052.00.

Ms. Schemm made a Motion to award the contract for the Special Equestrians Center Roof Replacement Project to Hulton Contracting in the amount of \$130,052.00; Ms. Albillar seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

- c. **Consider Approval of Time Extension Request under Cash Escrow Agreement for Warrington Real Estate Limited Partnership-Chase Bank Project to ensure the completion of an interconnecting sidewalk between the Property and bus shelter**

Mr. Zarko reported that the shelter was installed, but delays on the sidewalk installation. There is an extension to September 1, 2022.

Ms. Schemm made a Motion to approve the Time Extension Request under Cash Escrow Agreement for Warrington Real Estate Limited Partnership-Chase Bank Project to ensure the completion of an interconnecting sidewalk between the Property and bus shelter; Mr. Diorka seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

- d. **Consider approval of bus shelter for Easton Road and Freedoms Way**

Mr. Zarko presented images of the bus shelter options. This included a dome roof or a hip roof. Ms. Schemm asked which was similar to the current shelters. Mr. Zarko indicated the hip roof was similar to those along Route 611. The consensus of the Board of Supervisors was to install the hip roof.

6. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- a. Update on Pileggi just compensation acceptance

Ms. Kushto reported that a letter was sent to Mr. Pileggi regarding just compensation for the property along Route 611 to construct a sidewalk. He has until tomorrow to respond. If he does not, then her office will file a Declaration of Taking Authorizing Condemnation of Right of Way along Easton Road (Route 611) for the Purpose of Establishing a Trail Easement Along Said Roadway, 2022 R-18, passed at the May 10, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting.

7. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

- a. Consider approval of invoices for the period from May 11 to May 24, 2022 in the amount of \$744,174.89

Ms. Albillar made a Motion to approve the invoices for the period from May 11 to May 24, 2022 in the amount of \$744,174.89; Ms. Maurer seconded it. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

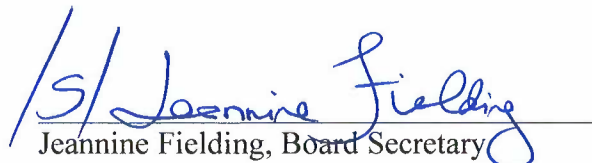
Mr. Gaines asked if anyone would like to pull any items out of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Zarko would like to pull out item d, which will be revised and resubmitted.

- a. Consider approval of Minutes from May 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting
- b. Consider approval of Certificate of Completion for Grove Valley Farm #14 in the amount of \$28,830.00
- c. Consider approval of Resolution to submit application and Business Plan to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DCED)
- d. Consider Release of Maintenance Bond for Warrington Crossing FSU/Chick-fil-A Restaurant Expansion
- e. Consider approval of Resolution Accepting Dedication of Improvements for Warrington Crossing Shopping Center Chick-fil-A Development

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted By,


Jeannine Fielding, Board Secretary