



## Warrington Township Park and Recreation Board

### Minutes of the Meeting January 24, 2008

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Park and Recreation Board was held on January 24, 2008 at Warrington Township Building, 852 Easton Road.

Present:	Carol Rice	Chair Person
	David Weaver	Vice Chair
	Ruth Schemm	Secretary
	William Waterbury	Member
	Robert McNulty	Member
	Michael Richino	Member
	Michael W. Lamond, Jr.	Board of Supervisors Liaison
	Carolyn B. Hanel	DAS/Park and Recreation

Also present were Maureen Greit from CKS Engineers and Shirley Yannich from the Township Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

**Public Comment:** there was no public comment.

#### **Re-organization for 2008**

The 2007 Park and Recreation Board officers were unanimously nominated and endorsed by acclamation as officers for 2008.

#### **Old Business:**

King Park Expansion – Maureen Greit from CKS Engineers reviewed plans revised in November, 2007 for the King Park Expansion with the PRB. The PRB recommended:

- Reduce the size of the baseball field to 75' base paths from 90'
- Eliminate the lighting of the ball field and multi-use fields for 2008 and defer to 2009. It was noted that the fields would not be playable in 2008, so the expense of the lighting installation could be postponed to 2009. The infra structure for the lighting will be installed in 2008 to facilitate the 2009 installation with minimal

- disturbance to the fields.
- Verify that there is a sufficient turning radius in the over-flow parking area for emergency vehicles

**New Business:**

Special Equestrians: The Special Equestrians requested the support of the Park and Recreation Board for a grant application to construct a sensory trail at their facility on Street Road. On motion by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Waterbury and passed unanimously, the PRB “heartily” endorsed the grant application. Staff was directed to write a letter in support of the grant application.

Bike and Hike Committee Update: The PRB discussed the role and scope of the Bike and Hike Committee vis a vis the Park and Recreation Board. Staff advised that they could not locate any information on the original formation of the Bike and Hike Committee. It was noted that the members of the Bike and Hike Committee are appointed yearly. Ms. Rice recalled that the committee was formed to develop the Comprehensive Trails Plan. Ms. Schemm commented that, with only 4 active members, it might be an appropriate time to merge the Bike and Hike Committee into the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Richino suggested that the Bike and Hike Committee functioned more on an *ad hoc* basis and perhaps needed to re-define their scope and vision. Supervisor Mike Lamond suggested asking the Board of Supervisors to re-clarify the scope of the committee. Mr. Richino made a motion to this effect. Ms. Schemm suggested that this might be viewed as confrontational by the Bike and Hike Committee. The motion was defeated by a vote of 1 to 3 with 2 abstentions. The final consensus of those present was for Ms. Rice and Elmer O’Brien, Chair of the Bike and Hike Committee to meet and discuss the relationship of the two volunteer boards.

Planning Commission –Ms. Hanel noted that the Chairman of the Planning Commission suggested that the two groups should meet a few times a year to share information and update each other on their activities. Shirley Yannich provided an update on pending land developments currently before the Planning Commission. Ms. Yannich was also asking for direction regarding acceptance of open space from developers. What are the feelings of the PRB regarding the need for additional parks? Mrs. Hanel commented that there are benchmarks regarding the level of service for active recreation facilities in communities and the service areas for various types of parks. Based on these benchmarks or guidelines, Warrington does provide sufficient active recreation facilities. The PRB members noted that not all open space should be developed for active recreation; that vacant lots can provide passive recreational opportunities that enhance the neighborhood. The PRB did suggest pedestrian links from planned neighborhoods to existing parks.

**Approval of Minutes:**

November 29, 2007 Meeting – On motion by Mr. Waterbury, seconded by Mr. Richino, the Minutes of the November 29, 2007 were unanimously approved.

**Future Agenda Topics:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Hanel, CPRP  
Director of Parks and Recreation