



## **WARRINGTON PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**

### **Minutes of the Meeting January 22, 2009**

Chairperson Carol Rice called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Members In attendance:** Carol Rice, Chairperson,; Ruth Schemm, Secretary; William Waterbury, and Robert McNulty. Also present was Supervisor Michael Lamond. Staff present was Carolyn Hanel, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Mrs. Rice led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1. RE-ORGANIZATION** - On motion by Mr. McNulty, seconded by Mrs. Schemm, Carol Rice was nominated to serve as Chairperson for 2009. Mrs. Rice was elected unanimously 3-0 (Mrs. Rice abstained from the vote).

On motion by Mrs. Rice, seconded by Mrs. Schemm, Robert McNulty was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair for 2009. Mr. McNulty was elected unanimously 4-0.

On motion by Mr. Waterbury, seconded by Mr. McNulty, Ruth Schemm was nominated to serve as Secretary for 2009. Mrs. Schemm was elected unanimously 4-0.

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT (**

- 2.1 Warrington Soccer League** . Al Stretton and Brian Andrews were present to address the Park and Rec Board regarding their field needs. Mr. Stretton noted that the league currently has over 2000 players. With the loss of the Millcreek fields due to the construction of a new fire house, the soccer league had no lighted fields. Even with the potential addition of two lighted fields at King Park, the league is still desirous of additional lighted fields. The soccer league is seeking permission from the Park and Rec Board to pursue lighting (at the league's expense) for Twin Oaks Park. The preliminary proposal includes four to six 80 light towers.

The Park and Rec Board responded that they wanted a more defined proposal to review before making any decisions. They also advised the league representatives that the Township lighting consultants (Suburban Lighting) must approve any plan and suggested that the soccer league

contact Suburban Lighting for guidance in developing a proposal that will comply with the Township codes and ordinances before returning to the Park and Rec Board for any additional review and comment.

**2.2 King Park Residents' Petition** - Amy Edenson, 908 Noah's Circle presented a petition signed by 48 residents (approximately 35 households) of the Warrington Ridge development regarding further development of King Park. The petition specifically requests:

- No advertising is to be hung from the outfield fence on the ball field;
- No scoreboard, electronic or other is to be erected;
- No other permanent structure is to be erected to provide advertising for league supporters;
- No permanent structure to provide dug-out shelter is to be constructed;
- No permanent structure to announce ball games is to be constructed;
- No P.A. system is to be installed

The Park and Rec Board advised Mrs. Edenson that they will review the petition and then pass it on to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for action. Mrs. Edenson had some additional questions regarding dedication of the Warrington Ridge development and posting "No Parking" signs on the streets to prevent people from parking on the neighborhood streets when visiting King Park. Supervisor Lamond explained the dedication process to Mrs. Edenson to clarify what the Township can and cannot do.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 Eagle Scout Projects** . Mrs. Hanel reported that Tom Zarko of CKS Engineers has been working with Patrick Williams on his project to construct a new dock for the pond at Twin Oaks.

**3.2 2009 Final Budget** . Mrs. Hanel reported that the final 2009 operating budget for the Park and Recreation Fund was \$1,062,042. This figure includes \$152,102 in interfund transfers. The 2009 Capital Budget is \$579,500 and includes landscaping at King Park, the Twin Oaks pond aeration system, Phase II of the Bradford Reservoir Trail and funding for potential acquisition of open space.

**3.3 Dog Park** . The Park and Rec Board has made the development of a dog park one of their priorities for 2009. A location in Lower Nike Park, adjacent to the Special Equestrians site is being investigated. Staff provided an aerial photograph of the parcel(s) involved. It was agreed that once weather permits, the Parks Dept. will stake out the proposed area for the dog park for the Park and Rec Board to evaluate on a site visit. The Park and Rec Board also suggested putting an item in the Township newsletter and/or website and TV Channels soliciting volunteers to assist with the planning and development of the dog park.

**4. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS)**

**4.1 Swimming Pool Regulations** . Mrs. Hanel advised the PRB that the Township pools are in compliance with the new regulations regarding drain covers.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**5.1 November 20, 2008** . On motion by Mr. McNulty, seconded by Mrs. Schemm the Minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Inventory and classification of all Township-owned open space
- Development of a Girls Basketball League

**7. ADJOURNMENT** . There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hanel, CPRP