



**WARRINGTON PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 28, 2010**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Carol Rice called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In addition to Mrs., Rice, those present were Vice Chair Robert McNulty, Secretary Ruth Schemm, Bill Waterbury, Lori Halber and Michael Richino. Staff present was Carolyn Hanel, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Rice led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4. REORGANIZATION

By unanimous vote, the 2009 officers were affirmed for 2010.

- ✓ Carol Rice, Chair
- ✓ Robert McNulty, Vice-Chair
- ✓ Ruth Schemm, Secretary

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Warrington Warrior's Proposal – Chris Jacobsen, President of the Warrington Warriors Football League was present to discuss the football league's request to lease the football fields rather than apply each year for a facility reservation permit. The PRB cited concerns regarding the precedent of leasing a part of a public park. The PRB suggested developing an agreement or memorandum of understanding to allow the football league priority use of the football fields and including a designated period when the field(s) should be rested and restricted from use by any organized group.

There was also discussion of the plans for repairs to the football fields. Because of problems with the turf on these fields, Mrs. Schemm suggested, because of previous problems, the football league have the soils tested to determine the best grass seed and other treatments for the fields.

5.2 Gavin Lingo Subdivision Update – Mrs., Hanel advised the PRB that the Board of Supervisors had approved this subdivision but did not accept the open space for dedication. There will be a fee in lieu donation by the developer. The PRB unanimously recommended that the Supervisors pursue

the fee in lieu. *[Subsequent to this meeting, Township Solicitor William Casey confirmed that the fee-in-lieu will be paid by the developer.]*

5.3 Dog Park Design Charette - A design charette will be held on the proposed dog park at the April 22 Park and Rec Board meeting. The charette will be promoted in the spring edition of the Township newsletter. A focus group for the dog park will be developed from those who attend the April charette.

6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS)

6.1 2010 Budget – Swim Club Capital: Staff reviewed the need for approximately \$104,000 in repairs to the pools at the Swim Club, including re-plastering the upper pool, and replacing the filter system on both the family pool and the baby pool. On motion by Mrs. Halber, seconded by Mrs. Schemm, the Park and Recreation Board unanimously recommended that these repairs be funded through either capital reserves or bond funds. *[Subsequent to the meeting, the Township's bond counsel advised that the use of bond funds for these repairs was permitted. Carroll Engineers is preparing specifications to solicit proposals for the filter replacements. Proposals for the re-plastering will also be requested asap so that all the repairs can be completed before the Swim Club is open 7-days per week.]*

6.2 2010 Budget – Purchase of hand dryers: Staff presented a proposal to purchase electric hand dryers for the park restrooms. The use of these dryers in place of paper towels will help prevent some of the vandalism we are experiencing in the restrooms and are also a "green" alternative to purchasing cases of c-fold towels. This expense was not budgeted, but the cost will be offset over 3 years by savings on supplies and labor. On motion by Ruth Schemm, seconded by Bill Waterbury, the Park and Rec Board unanimously recommended the purchase of 12 hand dryers for a cost of \$4,600.

6.3 2010 Fee Schedule: The Park and Rec Board reviewed the proposed 2010 fee schedule, including registration fees for the Twin Oaks Day Camp and Swim Club memberships. Carolyn Hanel noted that new half-season membership will be offered for the Swim Club in addition to the full season and daily admissions. On motion by Lori Halber, seconded by Bob McNulty, the Park and Rec Board unanimously endorsed the 2010 Fee Schedule as presented.

6.4 Barness Park Drainage: The Warrington Softball League approached the Township regarding drainage problems associated with the softball fields at Barness Park, particularly field #4. Lentz Landscaping prepared a scope for the repairs with a cost estimate of \$11,900. Staff met with Carroll Engineers to review the project. Carroll will develop a revised scope and

obtain a cost estimate to determine if the project will need to be competitively bid (projects in excess of \$10,000 must be competitively bid). Softball is proposing to pay 50% of the cost of the improvements. *[Subsequent to the meeting, Carroll Engineers finalized the revised scope at an estimated cost of \$8,000. Proposals are being solicited as of this writing.]*

6.5 2009 Annual Report: Staff presented an overview of 2009 activities of the Park and Recreation Department.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

7.1 November 20, 2009: The Minutes of November 20, 2009 were unanimously approved on motion by Ruth Schemm, seconded by Lori Halber

8. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Hanel