

WARWICK TOWNSHIP RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WARWICK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2018

The Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Ed Stone. In attendance were Committee Members Ed Stone, Scott Goldman, Mellissa Landis, Maria Tivoli and Nate Oehme, Also present was Daniel Zimmerman, Township Manager.

UPDATE ON RAILS TO TRAILS-DCNR GRANT-BRIDGE BID RESULTS & SCHEDULE: D. Zimmerman stated Ephrata Township requested an alternate to the base bid that would include all stainless steel connectors. Through the electronic bidding process over 100 companies looked at the project. The Board awarded the bid to a company called DESCO. They are certified through PennDOT and are out of Fleetwood. A completion date is anticipated for mid-December. D. Zimmerman stated there is a Warwick to Ephrata Regional Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 25th to discuss the dedication process.

D. Zimmerman stated the extension of the trail at TOA has been opened up which goes towards Lititz Bend, heads down to Buckwood, up past Highlands and past the new apartments behind Weis Markets to Spruce Street.

D. Zimmerman stated some regional coordination is going to need to be done to discuss how to handle all the requests that are received from groups wanting to hold events on the trail. M. Tivoli will reach out to other municipalities with trail systems and find out what rules/regulations they have in place for situations like this.

There was a discussion on the trail crossing on Newport Road.

MUNICIPAL CAMPUS REPLACEMENT PLAYGROUND PIECE STATUS: D. Zimmerman stated the plan is to replace the playground pieces in 2019. He would like to add an integrated piece as well to expand the usability.

M. Landis gave an update on the integrated playground at Saylor Park. She stated the playground is finished- all the pieces have been installed. There is approximately \$10,000 left from the fundraising. An early goal was to try to have at least one piece of accessible equipment at all the playgrounds in the Lititz/Warwick Township area. M. Landis stated it was talked about at a recent meeting to place a bucket swing at the New Street playground as well as the Spruce Street playground and possibly one at the Lititz Springs Park; however, Lititz Springs Park is a private park so that may not be an option. D. Zimmerman stated in addition to considering what pieces of equipment to add to the playground, consideration needs to be given to the type of surface to be used. The rubber mulch does not allow for easy movability with wheelchairs. S. Goldman inquired if the Commission had looked into Pebble Flex which is Trilon and might be a better choice for ground cover. M. Landis stated she will talk with the Committee to see if they would be interested in donating any leftover funds towards the surface here at the Municipal playground.

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SAYLOR PARK- RESTORATION PROJECT: D. Zimmerman stated the park consists of 52 acres. The areas of the park north of Newport Road, which is approximately 17 acres, is pastureland and forest and is difficult to keep maintained. A restoration project has become available from the state. The Township needs to complete a number of MS4 projects for the Chesapeake Bay Program and this project would qualify. The program from the state involves working with DCNR and DEP who would provide funds for the trees, tubes, stakes, help with planting as well as maintenance for three years. D. Zimmermann stated the forestation area would be replanted and solidified. This would greatly reduce the maintenance of this area for the Township. The area under the power line grows Tree of Heaven which the Spotted Lantern Fly feeds on. The Township has made a deal with PP&L to take care of this area. The area to be forested will be prepped this fall and then in the spring all native trees will be planted.

WRRC UPDATE: M. Tivoli stated the expected issue with the baseball fields has been worked out. There was not a need to share any fields with Travel Baseball. Both fields at Elizabeth Township were utilized more, the Rothsville Fire Companies' baseball diamond was acquired and provided an additional field and the field by Tait was utilized more frequently.

M. Tivoli stated the numbers for the Summer Playground Program are pretty good. The average at Saylor Park is 30-40 children a day and Lititz Springs averages 40-50 children per day.

The grants for the Lititz Springs Pool have been submitted which include the DCNR, DCD and RCAT. The hope is to hear from RCAT within the next few months and DCNR and DCD will be announced this fall so hopefully by the end of the year it will be known if any of the grants were awarded.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Zimmerman
Township Manager