CALL TO ORDER AT 7:30 A.M.: The Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Edward Stone. Present were Committee Members Maria Tivoli, Melissa Landis, and Nate Oehme. Also present were Daniel Zimmerman, Township Manager; Dean Saylor, Public Works Superintendent; and Billy Clauser, Warwick Township Planner.

UPDATE ON INTEGRATED PLAYGROUND AT LINEAR PARK: Landis stated almost $25,000.00 has been raised thus far. This money would allow the placement of the first piece of equipment, the swing glider. Landis stated she is in the process of obtaining price quotes for this piece of equipment.

Landis stated the kickoff for the playground was held during November's Second Friday event and was tied in with the Lititz Art Association’s Angel Wings promotion. In addition, volunteers are visiting service organizations and handing out brochures with information on the playground. Brochures are located around the Lititz area in various places such as the Lititz Library. Larger companies within the Lititz area are also being contacted. Landis stated the Young Men's Business League is interested in helping out with the cause.

Saylor stated there is consideration being given to converting the surface material from the wood mulch to rubber mulch. He also got samples of some 2 x 2 tiles which are more expensive however they will not migrate out of the area and get pushed around. Landis stated this type of surface would be easier for a wheelchair or other handicapped assistant aides to maneuver on. Saylor stated he and Zimmerman had a discussion on whether the tiles would be integrated into the new areas, whether the wood mulch from the existing areas would be removed and replaced with the rubber mulch and tied in with the tiles. Saylor stated he is working on getting prices for the tiles and the rubber mulch. Stone inquired if the tiles would be able to be placed as a pathway to each piece of equipment. Saylor stated he will need to know the dimensions needed of the surface area based on the height of the equipment. Saylor stated the tiles are made of rubber and are hard on the top but they do have a cushion to them. Saylor stated the bottom of the tiles resemble an egg carton. Some kind of concrete or paved surface must be poured for the tiles to lay flat and link together. There will be different thicknesses based on the height of the equipment. Zimmerman distributed samples of the tiles and rubber mulch. Landis inquired about the warranty of the tile and mulch. Saylor stated he will check on the warranty of both items.

GRANT AWARD FOR LIONS PARK PROJECT- HOCKEY COURT: Zimmerman reported that the Township has been awarded a $50,000 DCNR grant for work at the Lions Park. The grant funds will go towards the hockey court and a playground equipment piece. Oehme requested that there not be any pins for the nets at the hockey court. He stated that the pins are not necessary for an outdoor hockey court and they can cause an injury. He added that dimples in the courts to hold the net may work best. Saylor stated that he will coordinate with Oehme on how to best hold the nets in place, if they feel like a device is even necessary. Oehme stated that they should also discuss with the sub-contractor on the best way to drain stormwater from the hockey court.
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Zimmerman inquired of Tivoli when the WRRC will need to know if the Lions Park will be a location for the summer playground program. Tivoli stated she can wait until March or April to release the schedule for the summer playground program.

**UPDATE ON RAILS TO TRAILS - COMPLETION OF PHASE III:** Zimmerman reported that phase III of the rail trail was completed in December and opened to the public. The Cross Alert system at the Newport Road crossing is the same system used at the Clay Road crossing. Saylor stated that the signage the Clay Road crossing will be updated to match the signage at the Newport Road crossing.

**RAILS TO TRAILS - 2018 SECTION:** Zimmerman reported that Mark Wilson of Wilson Consulting Group, is developing a proposal for design, cost estimates, permitting, and inspection work on the Cocalico Creek Bridge, which is shared with Ephrata Township. The design work and cost estimates will be needed for the grant application, which is due in mid-April 2017. Zimmerman stated that Wilson will give two proposals for the bridge decking, one with concrete and one with wood.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 24, 2017

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Zimmerman,  
Township Manager