

Warwick Township
Park and Recreation Board
Public Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2025

Members Present: Donna Littrell
Eric Scatton
Judy Cox
Dan Goldberg

Others Present: Daniel M. Sharapan, Director of Parks and Recreation

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Motions to recommend the following:

A motion was made by Judy Cox to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Board meeting.

- Dan Goldberg seconded
- Motion passed; For-All

Public Comment - None

Park Directors Update

- Warwick Township Baseball Association request for advertisement of sponsors on outfield fences

The baseball association is seeking permission to allow outfield fence advertising on the fences of the baseball fields at Guinea Lane. Their goal is to allow the sponsors of the program to have more exposure throughout their season. The discussion did not get into the specifics of how or who would oversee the program but focused on the allowance of the signs themselves. The Board was in favor of allowing the signs with the caveat that a program/policy be put in place before any signs are placed. DS informed the Board that he is familiar with a program that Northampton Township has with the sponsorship of signs and will look further into their program.

A motion was made: Dan Goldberg made a motion to approve outfield fencing advertisements at Guinea Lane Park pending township policy agreement.

Motion was seconded by Judy Cox
ALL in Favor

- Recreation Station project update

DS informed the Board that the project is moving along nicely. Once the playground equipment is installed, the project includes a layer of stone throughout the whole area to help with drainage and then the installation of certified wood chip mulch would be installed. We will open the playground to the public as soon as it is completed. The last piece of the project is the new path from the parking lot to the playground. The existing macadam will be excavated, and a new concrete path will be installed. The original sponsor bricks that were in the

middle of the old playground will be reused and installed in the new concrete walkway. The goal is to install the old bricks to look like railroad tracks leading to the playground. Since the concrete path cannot be completed until all the other construction is completed, we will still open the playground as soon as it is ready but would fence off the path area so the work can be completed. It is our hope that we can open the playground a few weeks before the original target date of Memorial Day.

Chairwoman's Report

Chairwoman Littrell said it was brought to her attention that it seems there is an uptick of unwanted activity happening in Hidden Pond Park. Activities such as partying, groups hanging out after hours and excessive trash. She was recently informed of a needle of some kind that was pictured along the trail near the pond. Director Sharapan informed the Board that he has already spoken to the Police Department and asked for increased patrols in the parks. Director Sharapan also personally walked the pond on two occasions and could not find or locate any needles. Chairwoman Littrell asked about the possibility of putting up cameras in the park and Director Sharapan said he will look into it but it may be hard to accomplish due to power availability, internet connectivity and line-of-sight to an existing hub like the township building.

Vice Chairman's Report

Nothing to report

Other Discussion

Dan Goldberg asked if there has been any traction with possibly re-starting the food truck event. Donna Littrell said she has a contact at the Ben Wilson Senior Center and will reach out to her to begin the discussions about possibly partnering with them for an event in 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.