

**WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP PARK AND OPEN SPACE BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Members Present (attendance indicated by an "X"):

	Carol Christ		Susan Mudambi
	Charles Christine		Elizabeth Schoendorfer
X	Angela Dougherty	X	Marshall Bleefeld, Alternate Member
X	John Elliott		Sandy Feltes, Alternate Member
X	Patrick Foley	X	Nancy Thillet, Alternate Member
X	Robert Irvine	X	Township Representatives: Kurt Baker, Courtney Meehan
X	Vince Marrocco		

Additional Guest: Sean O'Donnell, WRA President

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2019 MINUTES

After a review of the minutes from the January meeting, Ms. Dougherty moved to approve the minutes. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Marrocco. The motion passed unanimously.

II. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT MASTER SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WISSAHICKON PARK

Sarah Leeper, Project Manager from Simone Collins Landscape Architecture, presented to the board the new draft master site development plan for Wissahickon Park in West Ambler. She provided a brief history of the site, reviewed the details of the plan, and included a cost analysis based on the final draft plan. Wissahickon Park has been remediated by EPA and the Township has been granted approval to construct a park.

Proposed amenities include a playground, volleyball court, pavilion, horseshoes pit, bocce court, basketball court, restrooms, and a synthetic turf field. The current basketball court in West Ambler will be removed and turned into a water basin after the completion of the park. Mr. Elliott moved to submit the draft master site development plan for Wissahickon Park to the Board of Supervisors. His motion was seconded by Mr. Foley. The motion passed unanimously.

III. WRA PRESENTATION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OF TURF ATHLETIC FIELDS AT CENTRE SQUARE PARK

Mr. Foley and Mr. O'Donnell presented to the Board WRA's request for turf fields at Centre Square Park. Mr. Foley outlined the benefits turf fields will have for the soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey programs. The project is estimated to cost three million dollars. The cost includes the installation of non-intrusive light towers and fencing around the fields. Mr. Marrocco moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the installation of turf fields, fencing and lighting at Centre Square Park. His motion was seconded by Mr. Irvine. The motion passed unanimously.

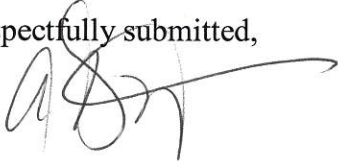
IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Baker provided a trail update. The Township continues to work with the Community College and the Crestline Drive neighborhood to connect the Crossways Trail with the Wentz Run Park Trail. The Community College plans to construct a loop trail on the campus that will be the connection for the Wentz Run Park Trail and the Crossways Trail.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitpain Township Building Meeting Room A.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Dougherty
Secretary, Park and Open Space Board



Courtney Meehan
Program Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department