

WARWICK TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors' Public Site Planning Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

Members Present: Judith A. Algeo, Esq., Chair
Edward P. Thompson, Vice Chairman
John Cox, Member

Others Present: Gail Weniger, Township Manager

Locations as noted below.

8:10 a.m. The Board members began the planning meeting at Guinea Lane Park. Ms. Weniger presented to the Board four items that they might want to consider.

1. The police have requested additional space for administration and storage;
2. Public Works trucks and equipment are not able to be adequately stored with the present facility;
3. The Board might consider something to separate Public Works from the Park area;
4. Moland House trail – what should be considered for the budget going forward?

After reviewing the current situation, Mr. Thompson suggested that the property on Mearns Rd., next to the water and sewer pumping station might be a location to consider putting a pole barn. Ms. Algeo expressed concern in having an additional off-site area. Ms. Weniger noted that she had some concern for a secondary site noting that the Public Works directors, both past and present, did not think this site would work. Ms. Weniger noted that she has not actually seen the site, but is aware that there is an old house which was previously used for fire training that needs to come down.

The Board members were in agreement that they would like to see the vehicles inside and the equipment at least contained.. Mr. Thompson noted that the propane and gas cans are close together and should be separated. The area in the back next to field six where materials are stored was discussed along with possible future plans for the soon to be acquired Reganhard property which adjoins the current parklands.

The group then went to the Moland House property and walked the area where the trail connecting the future park to the Moland House is planned. The concern over the cost of crossing under Route 263 was expressed by Mr. Thompson. He suggested that a walkway which comes up off of the ground might be more cost efficient. The future use of the Moland House was discussed with the idea of having Township offices at the house being discounted due to lack of accessibility for disabled who would need to go to the offices. Ms. Algeo reminded the group that she still wants to see a memorial trail created as part of the project. Mr. Cox asked about the availability of grants for this type of project since it connects a historical property with a park.

The final site visit was to the Mearns Road property to assess the feasibility of the property for a pole barn to replace the stone house. The Board noted that the amount of work to be done to achieve a suitable location for the pole barn was extensively and probably cost prohibitive. The idea of the Public Works department and/or the Warwick Fire Company removing the old building was considered for a future joint project with the Warwick Township Water and Sewer Authority. Mr. Cox asked if it was possible that the Authority would expand here to include its offices and the current area be used to accommodate Township staff and storage. It was discussed that the property was acquired for the anticipated expansion of the Waste treatment plant.

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Mr. Thompson suggested that the Public Works building get an addition that extends where the current pee wee fields are located. The fields would then be moved to the newly acquired property. The Board discussed doing a façade to fit in with the character of the neighborhood. Ms. Weniger asked if the Board members were inclined to consider an expenditure in the 2008 capital projects budget for an architectural study and design for the project. The Board members agreed with this approach. Ms. Weniger remembered that she had one additional item on her list for considerations for next years capital projects budget for input. She asked if the Board would like to commit funds for the 275th anniversary celebration for next year noting that Warwick Day has been funded entirely by business contributions. The general consensus was that this was something the Board would support. John Cox was supportive of the idea that the Warwick Fire Company hold their dinner the same weekend as well. The possibility of fireworks was also discussed.

There was no public comment.

The group disbursed and meeting adjourned from the site at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail V. Weniger,
Township Manager/Secretary

These minutes were approved at the
Board of Supervisors' meeting held: **September 17, 2007**