

## **Minutes of the Meeting of February 11, 2014**

### **Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners**

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue  
Oxford, New Jersey 07863

Members Present:	Michael Helbing William Hann Charles Fineran David Detrick	Raymond Tobaygo Matthew Davis John Halmi
Members Absent:	None	
Staff:	Corey Tierney and Sue Beall	
Others Present:	Chris Hellwig and Rachael Stephenson, WC Health Department; Cindy Meakem, Tobacco Free for a Healthy New Jersey; and Helen Homeijer, Sussex County Dept. of Environmental Health and Public Health Services	

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Helbing. This meeting was held at the office of the Department of Land Preservation, 500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, Oxford, New Jersey.

The Introductory Statement and roll call were read into the record. Chairman Helbing then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2014, were approved on a motion by Mr. Fineran second by Mr. Hann. Mr. Detrick abstained.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None this evening.

#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

♦ Morris Canal Committee – Mr. Detrick advised that there was not much physical work being done due to the weather. The Committee is working with the Planning Department. Mr. Helbing was requested to make up a page of instructions for posting blazes. He is setting up an event to instruct everyone how to blaze (they will start on South Main Street, Phillipsburg). This spring Mr. Lee, Jr., will be developing a walking tour through Phillipsburg. The 2014 bus tour have been set for June (later than usual because of the work on the tailrace at Plane 9) and July (the project will be completed by then). The group at Bread Lock Park will be developing bridges and stairs for use along the towpath at Stryker's Road. In the shop there are two full-

scale silhouette mules for use near the canal boat. They are also working on kiosks. Washington Township has contacted the Canal Committee requesting input from them and the BORC for ideas for the blacksmith shop and the concrete pool built into the canal on the Friese property. A brief discussion of options was held and will be discussed further at a later meeting. Mr. Fineran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis that the BORC support commmerating the pool and to have Mr. Detrick look into adaptive uses of the pool and then report back to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

♦ Trails – There is not much happening with all of the snow on the ground. Mr. Helbing and Jenny Felton, of the State Parks Department, have not yet met with the owner of the property on Belvidere Road. A date will be set for Mr. Helbing, Mr. Hann and Mr. Davis to meet with the owners of Harkers Hollow.

**PUBLIC AWARENESS:** Nothing this evening.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

♦ Acquisition and Status of Projects – Mr. Tierney met with the owners of the former Diesel property on Brass Castle Road. There are some questions regarding their conditions. The Board was asked whether or not they wish to pursue this property. The response was positive. Mann is under contract and should close this spring. There has been no response from Wolfe on the second offer. Route 57 Partnership is waiting for scheduling. Handlos is willing to sell only the vacant land, however he has not yet returned the contract. Mr. Tierney met with the Reads; they are interested with conditions. A message was left for Mr. Lavery on Pool. A meeting with Crouse was cancelled due to a snow storm and some medical issues. Mr. Tierney has a meeting at the end of the month with Santos who purchased the former Foley property. There is still an offer on the table with Independent Land Holdings. A PSA has been authorized and appraisals have been sent to Green Acres for a CMV on the Jonestown Road property. Mr. Tierney has spoken with Mrs. Terhune and she will have her husband call.

The tree removal has been completed at Plane 10. We are waiting for plans from Planning for the parking areas for Hoffman Road, Stryker's Road and Florence Kuipers Memorial Park.

Cindy Meakem a coordinator for Tobacco Free for a Healthy NJ and Chris Hellwig from the Warren County Environmental Health Department along with Helen Homeijer from the Sussex County Department of Environmental and Public Health Services once again visited to encourage the Board to prohibit smoking on all County parkland and to install signs reflecting same. Mr. Tierney reviewed the discussions that took place at the last meeting. Mr. Hann indicated that he would make a recommendation and endorse the idea of a smoking ban to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mr. Helbing advised that he was still hesitant and Mr. Detrick stated that he was against "banning" altogether. Mr. Hann reintroduced his motion, but upon receiving no second, then withdrew the motion. Mr. Detrick suggested that the Board join into discussions with the Health Department to develop a common ground for both parties and then bring it back to the Board. Mr. Tobaygo seconded this motion and it was carried unanimously. Mr. Detrick will contact Mr. Hellwig to set up a meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Helbing emphasized the importance of not widening the bridge at Point Mountain.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Fineran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hann. Chairman Helbing adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Susan W. Beall