

STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
Lake County, SS.  
Warren Township

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF WARREN TOWNSHIP met at the Warren Township Office on July 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Mike Semmerling	Town Trustee
	Donna Radke	Town Trustee
	Ken Echtenacher	Town Trustee
	George Iler	Clerk

**Also present:**

Administrator Ryan Johnson, Assessor Charlie Mullin, Business Manager Diane Sarver, Highway Commissioner Jerry Rudd, Highway Operations Manager Amy Sarver and Arlene Echtenacher

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Simpson

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Simpson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mike Semmerling, Trustee; Donna Radke, Trustee (arrived 6:03 pm); and Ken Echtenacher, Trustee. Bill Gill, Trustee; excused absence.

**Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Trustee Echtenacher motioned seconded by Trustee Semmerling to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

**Board Minutes of July 11, 2016**

Trustee Semmerling motioned, seconded by Trustee Echtenacher to approve the board minutes of July 11, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

**Public Comment**

Assessor Mullin advised the Board his office would be supporting the Tax Assessment Centers at CLC starting August 3<sup>rd</sup> and running thru September 21<sup>st</sup>. He reminded them the blue tax cards will be arriving in the mail starting August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Unfinished Business.**

None

Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Simpson reported HB1052 is currently on Gov. Rauner's VETO stack of bills. Hoping he will take veto action shortly. She also reported Rick Dreyer met with representatives of the Wildwood Park District to discuss possible formation of an adult sand volleyball league next summer. The Township will have a table at the Gurnee Days Testimonial Dinner recognizing Don Henderson.

Supervisor Simpson discussed a request to allow dogs on Township property. She reiterated we have addressed this type request on several occasions and the consensus was to continue the practice of not allowing dogs because of safety concerns. She informed the board she responded to the requestor that they would be welcome to voice their concerns/requests to the Township Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Enclosure 1)

#### Treasurer's Report

Trustee Radke motioned, seconded by Trustee Echtenacher to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote

#### New Business

- A. Pay Bills. Trustee Semmerling motioned, seconded by Trustee Echtenacher to pay the bills including two additional bills from TYCO (fire alarms) for \$1460, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- B. Park Bans.  
None

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee Radke, seconded by Trustee Echtenacher to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 8, 2016 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

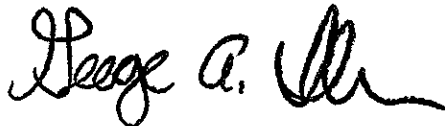
/s/

George A. Iler  
Township Clerk

1 Enclosure – Dogs

“Providing exceptional services, enriching our community, improving lives”

Approved:



To: Info <[info@warrentownship.net](mailto:info@warrentownship.net)>  
Subject: Warren Township Contact: Dogs

To:  
Supervisor's Office

Name:  
Jon Beausoleil

Email:  
[beausoleilj@comcast.net](mailto:beausoleilj@comcast.net)

Subject:  
Dogs

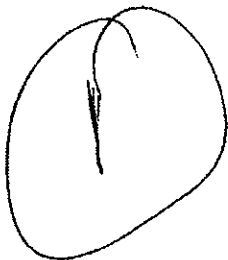
Message:

My daughter and son in law just bought a house in close proximity to your park. We took their dog for a walk through the beautiful wooded area. The dog was on a leash and we had bags for POOP. Their dog was well behaved. At the end of what we said was a beautiful park we saw a sign that stated no dogs in park???? What is your rationale for not allowing dogs in the park???? You can't be serious. Also could not find anywhere on your website that states this. Next question is do you provide an option for dog owners to walk their dogs. My son lives in a community comparable in size to Gurnee and they have three dog parks for the citizens to use. Let me know what recourse I have as a taxpayer to fight this ban of dogs at your park.

Respectfully,

Jon Beausoleil

Sent from (ip address): 73.73.93.110  
(c-73-73-93-110.hsd1.il.comcast.net)  
Date/Time: July 11, 2016 1:33 am  
Coming from (referrer): <http://www.warrentownship.net/contact/>  
Using (user agent): Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10\_11\_5)  
AppleWebKit/601.6.17 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/9.1.1 Safari/601.6.17



Thanks for your prompt reply even though it was the exact reply I was expecting.

1. We like to "recreate" with our pets.
2. I didn't ask what options the lake county forest preserve offered because you have to pay for a permit and either park would be a minimum of a 20 minute drive.
3. I asked what options you provided for Warren Township residents who wished to walk with their dogs in a nice wooded park setting.
4. Let's think outside the box and maybe limit the hours. Most people walk their dogs before and after work. Maybe allow dogs from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. and an hour before sunset.?

Who are the electors of Warren Township. Are these the voters? What do I need to do in order to start a petition drive to have this rule changed. You are punishing the majority of responsible dog owners because of the misdeeds of a few.

I live near O'Plaine park and we are allowed to walk dogs on the walking path. That is all I am asking for in this instance to walk a dog on a walking path.

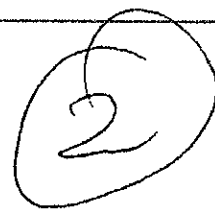
"Providing exceptional services, enriching our community, improving lives" You are not doing any of this for dog owners. Is this selective elitism?

Respectfully,

Jon Beausoleil

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**From:** "Ryan Johnson" <[ryanj@warrentownship.net](mailto:ryanj@warrentownship.net)>  
**To:** [beausoleilj@comcast.net](mailto:beausoleilj@comcast.net)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 11:16:40 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Warren Township Contact: Dogs



Jon:

Thank you for writing to Warren Township.

The Township website states:

DOGS AND FAMILY PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS AT THE TOWNSHIP CENTER.

WORKING OR AID DOGS ARE PERMITTED.

<http://www.warrentownship.net/departments/parks-sports/>

Signage was recently replaced to clarify that pets are not allowed on the property.

The issue of dogs on township property was voted on by the electors of Warren Township.

We have revisited the issue several times, and the consensus was to continue with the practice to not allow dogs due to safety concerns.

It is common for local parks to exclude dogs from athletic fields, playground areas and jogging or bike paths.

The majority of the Warren Township Center's 80-acres is dedicated to recreation (i.e. playground, athletic fields, and jogging and bike paths).

The concern is for safety with the extensive use of the property by children; also, too many people deliberately disobey the rule and have had incidents with Township security staff.

You are welcome to voice your concerns to the Township Board at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting:

<http://www.warrentownship.net/meetings/town-board-meetings/>

You are also welcome to attend the Annual Town Meeting, where the electors vote on several matters, including the General Use Ordinance:

Generally, the second Tuesday of April each year.

The Lake County Forest Preserves offers several Dog Exercise Areas:

<http://www.lcfd.org/dog-parks/>

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jon Beausoleil [mailto:[beausoleilj@comcast.net](mailto:beausoleilj@comcast.net)]  
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2016 8:33 PM



## Suzanne Simpson

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**From:** Ryan Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:39 AM  
**To:** Suzanne Simpson  
**Subject:** FW: Warren Township Contact: Dogs

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**From:** Jon [mailto:beausoleij@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 7:43 PM  
**To:** Ryan Johnson <ryanj@warrentownship.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Warren Township Contact: Dogs

Thank you.

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**From:** "Ryan Johnson" <ryanj@warrentownship.net>  
**To:** "Jon" <beausoleij@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 4:24:15 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Warren Township Contact: Dogs

An elector is a person registered to vote within the township no less than 28 days before the date of the annual meeting.

(60 ILCS 1/30-20)

Any 15 or more registered voters in the township may request an agenda item for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of a specific request to the township clerk no later than March 1 prior to the annual meeting. The agenda published by the township board shall include any such request made by voters if the request is relevant to powers granted to electors under the Township Code.

(60 ILCS 1/30-10)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016 12:41 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Warren Township Contact: Dogs

