



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

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A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Doylestown Township Administrative Trailer-Conference Room

- In attendance: John Bray, Kathy Brown, Paul DiNella, Robert Salanik, Ken Snyder, Stephanie Mason; Township Manager, Dave Tomko; Director of Operations & Jennifer Herring- BOS Liaison
- Absent: Blythe Kelly and Susan Reichwein
- Guests: Joe Salvati-Kids Castle & Nancy Santacecilia

### **Election of Officers:**

Chairman – on motion of Mr. Salanik, seconded by Mr. DiNella, John Bray was unanimously selected as chairman.

Vice Chairman – on motion of Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Salanik, Paul DiNella was unanimously selected as vice chairman.

Secretary – on motion of Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Salanik, Blythe Kelly was selected unanimously as secretary.

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On motion of Mr. Salanik, seconded by Mr. DiNella the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** None

**Correspondence:** None.

### **Plans:**

Brooks Tract – Mr. Bray indicated that the Township has received plans for subdivision Brook Tract property on Cherry Lane. It was indicated that there is really no location for land to be donated and suggested a fee in lieu of be provided by the applicant. The Board concurred.

### **Updates:**

Kids Castle - Update: Mr. Salvati indicated that the plans are finalized, going to DCNR. The playground will be closed at the end of March probably through June as new equipment is installed along with the poured in plan, general maintenance and sealing of the existing castle. Volunteers will be needed to help catalogue art work, but looking forward to a June opening with new equipment.

Recreation Center - Update: Ms. Brown indicated that she volunteered to present to the Board of Supervisors at the upcoming meeting March 19, 2019 on the analysis and matrix that the Park & Rec and Ways & Means subcommittee did for the analysis on the proposed Community Center.

Ms. Brown then proceeded to go through the PowerPoint with those in attendance, obtaining feedback and input from the committee. There was discussion about the New Britain Road site. Her intent is to provide an overview and history to the Board of Supervisors indicating the support from the initial 1992 Central Park Master Plan and the Comp Plan that was done in 2007 and the most recent update that is in process. There are maps included showing the

various locations and the matrix that the Ways & Means and Park & Rec subcommittee reviewed previously.

The Committee reviewed the proposed presentation and discussed the options of the matrix as well as the commitment of the finalized matrix with the checks identifying the high, medium and low priorities of a suggested location.

There was also a review of the definitions associated with the sites that were considered such as physical location, services provided and sufficient space and use to implement. Current planned programs, services as well as future needs and programs grow.

Location benefit– allows for proximity, convenience and access in connecting to usage to other park amenities and Township services.

Site congestion – congestion and traffic flow consideration

Long-term Township assess – provided ongoing value to our community

Esthetics - how does it look with what's around it

Future revenue – allows for future revenue potential

Cost implementation – guestimated cost to build and operate

Proposal for 12,000 sq.ft. building and to discussion to include the 5,600 sq.ft. building

Matrix shows how each of the sites were beneficial.

Ms. Brown indicated that she added in consultation with staff the basin location and noted that the basin location was very similar to that of the New Britain Road site.

Mr. Bray raised concerns about the cost for underground stormwater storage. Mr. Tomko indicated that maybe but until further engineering is done that won't be known, in addition he indicated that you may not need to do underground storage that there may be enough room out there if the basin is oversized as everyone believes.

Mr. Salanik was somewhat critical of the proposed basin location and suggested that Turk Road also be thrown back into the mix, a site that was previously considered but was not pursued further because the Township does not own the land.

It was also recommended by Mr. Snyder that Ms. Brown sit with individual Board members ahead of time and explaining the various aspects of the sites.

In addition, Mr. Tomko indicated that the evaluation could be turned around within 30 – 60 days.

The conclusion is that utilizing services from Boucher & James for both engineering and parking analysis along with JB Bravo the total ask would be \$19, 600. That would be the request to the Board of Supervisors.

After further discussion it was the consensus that the PowerPoint was ready to be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Brown thanked everyone for their input.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.