



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: Blythe Kelly, Barbara Kesselring, Susan Reichwein, Kathy Brown, Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreation, & Shawn Touhill-BOS Liaison
- Absent: John Bray, Jan Suessenguth, Paul DiNella, Robert Salanik, & Vijay Balaji, Youth Member
- Guests: Dave Tomko, Township Director of Operations & Joe Salvati, Kids Castle

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In Absence of a full Board at the meeting, the approval of the meeting notes will be placed on the January meeting agenda.

Visitors: None

Correspondence:

*The Board has agreed to the change in the meeting schedule for 2017. We will meet in July. There will be no meeting in August or December.

*The Board recommends re-appointing Kathy Brown to this Park & Rec Board. Kathy will also serve as a liaison member to the Dog Park. This motion was made by Susan Reichwein, 2nd by Blythe Kelly, with all in favor to make this recommendation to the BOS.

*This Board has decided to wait until January 2017 to re-elect its officers.

*Jan Suessenguth has sent in her letter of resignation and will no longer serve on the Park & Rec Board.

*This Board reviewed a thank you letter from a member of the Dog Park. Additionally, a thank you letter regarding the Fall Movie was reviewed. This movie was very well received and will again be considered for the Fall of 2017.

*The Board welcomes Dave Tomko as the new Township Director of Operations, replacing Dick John. This Board will work in conjunction with Mr. Tomko, as well as Ms. Sweeney, to review park maintenance and improvements. Together we will strive to create a proactive maintenance plan and re-evaluate signage.

Updates:

The Performing Arts Concert Series: Ms. Sweeney informs the Board that she is starting to look at performers and timelines for the 2017 concert series.

Additionally, she indicates that 2017 will be the 20th Anniversary of Kids Castle.

Sensory Enrichment Trail: Ms. Sweeney informs the Board that Sensory Trail dedication took place and the trail is being used. The Board reviewed a very nice article that appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer which highlighted the trail as well as Ms. Sweeney.

Additionally, Ms. Sweeney indicates that there was some minor damage to the trail which has already been repaired.

Ms. Sweeney also informs the Board that there is an additional \$10k donor to help develop a new pod for the trail.

Kids Castle: Mr. Salvati informs this Board that with the assistance of Lauren Sheehan, they have sold another \$12k sponsorship to purchase a new play piece. This new play piece will replace a swing set and should be installed by December or January, weather permitting.

Mr. Salvati also informs the Board that Friends of Kids Castle has a 12-year-old Wisconsin resident as an out of state volunteer who does social media through her "Hammy Hamster" campaign. Through her social media, she has gotten Kids Castle recognized in the "Inspiring Teens" magazine.

Mr. Salvati indicates that they are still looking for one additional play piece to be sponsored.

Dog Park: Ms. Brown informs the Board that the dog park is working and doing fine. There were some maintenance issues which are to be expected.

Additionally, Feeney's has donated 14 trees to the Dog Park.

Comp Plan: Ms. Sweeney informs the Board that an end decision has been made to budget for \$20k and submit for the DCNR planning grant. This grant application will be completed in early 2017 for its April 2017 due date. She expects a response by December 2017. This will hopefully coincide with our 200th Anniversary.

Additionally, a visitor has approached Ms. Sweeney regarding developing BMX in Central Park. Ms. Sweeney informs the Board of this request and asks for consideration. The Board expresses concern of environmental harm. It is decided that we will further discuss this topic at a later meeting.

Building/ Activity Center Update: Ms. Sweeney presents the Board with the proposed plans, specs and photos. This plan includes a proposed activity center and pavilion, as well as the future addition of a gym. We agree with the concept as designed however, express concern of the exact location as well as parking.

It is decided by the Board, with all in favor, to make a recommendation to the BOS that the location of this activity center be moved into the "V" in between the two parking lots at the New Britain Road entrance of Central Park. (1st::Susan Reichwein, 2nd: Barbara Kesselring, with all in favor).

There is a tentative date of July 1st, 2017 to move out of the Township Building and into a temporary location.

Other Business: None

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm on a motion by Ms. Reichwein, seconded by Ms. Kelly.

Respectfully submitted by:
Blythe Kelly
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____