



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: January 10, 2023

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the Doylestown Township Administrative Building, Caucus Room.

- In attendance: Paul DiNella, Kellie McGowan, Blythe Kelly, Bob Shaffer, Brent Ruge, Joe Salvati, Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation, Lisa Pearsall, Kathy Brown (by phone)
- Absent: None.
- Guests: Stephanie Mason-Township Manager, Stacy E. Crandell-Assistant Township Manager
- Visitors:
 1. Matt Schmidt, Township resident
 2. Doug Malicki, Township resident
 3. Robert and Katharine Hytha-Marris, Township resident

Reorganization/Nominations:

Karen Sweeney opened nominations for chairperson:

Bob Shaffer nominates Paul DiNella; Kathy Brown nominates Blythe Kelly. Vote taken, with all in favor 5-2 vote for Blythe Kelly as chair.

For vice-chair: Joe nominates Brent Ruge. Vote taken, with unanimous vote for Brent Ruge, 7-0.

For Secretary: Joe nominates Kellie McGowan. Vote taken with unanimous vote for Kellie McGowan, 7-0.

Visitors' comments:

- Stacy Crandell, Township Assistant Manager – discussion of her evaluation of the P&R Board and recommendations for board function and role with the Township Parks and Rec Department
- Matt Schmidt – rec center plans discussion; questioned decrease in number of tennis courts in favor of more pickleball courts. Suggested can we have 3 of each court and flexible courts for both sports.
- Doug Malicki – same comments with respect to the tennis courts with recommendation for hybrid model to avoid empty courts.
- Robert and Catherine – same comment re mix of tennis and pickleball courts.

Karen Sweeney discussed what can we do internally to maximize the use of tennis courts.

Advised that tennis lessons will continue through BCTA. Times will be allocated for Tennis and Pickleball including use of pickleball courts for red ball tennis instruction. Striving to create balance in accommodating the interests across the community to provide something for everyone to the best of the Township's ability.

Correspondence:

Resident sent email excited about the new center but concerned lessening of tennis courts will cause difficulty for residents to find space to play.

Review of Plans: None.

Director's Report:

1. PRCC Update:
 - a. Meeting with Building and Architects: Bid will be in March and awarded hopefully in April/May
 - b. Breaking ground proposed in June.
 - c. Completion of Winter Spring program cleanly so transition can occur for removal of trailers and build.
 - d. Trying to keep high volume and K-9 program ~~alive~~ in the mix.
 - e. Conversations continue about what flooring will be best for the gymnasium and multi-purpose room. Board consensus supporting synthetic flooring over wood. Following discussion and tactile review of the samples, we each noted, Board preference and consensus for the Gerflor-Taraflex (wood grain look) pending follow-up after planned site visit by staff to view the material installed/in use.
 - f. Examples shown to the group and research will ensure the floor is the best match for our community needs.

2. Concert Series is complete, only waiting on one more confirmation. Warwick Brewing is on board for this year. Karen is asking for as much help as possible from the Board members at concert series and events.

Program Report:

Lisa Updated on all existing and new programs.

No Update on pop up events Park and Rec Board will get info as available.

Other Business:

Goals 2023: Members of the board were asked to go home and come back next meeting with a goal in mind for the 2023 year. Discussion will resume at the next meeting.

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm on a motion by Blythe Kelly and a second by Brent Ruge, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kellie McGowan
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____