



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes – January 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Kathy Brown, Don Feldscher, Jan Suessenguth, Nick Danilo, Shawn Touhill,, Rick Colello and Karen Sweeney.
- Absent: Sue Reichwein
- Guests:

Meeting Notes

The October 9, 2012 meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion made by Ms. Sussenguth and a second by Mr. Feldscher.

Election of Officers

Following discussion and on a motion made by Mr. Feldscher and second by Ms. Sussenguth the following offices were unanimously approved:

John Bray, Chairman
Kathy Brown, Vice-Chairman
Jan Sussenguth, Secretary

Ms. Sweeney noted that with the departure of Ms. Hamilton, a member of the P&R Board was needed to fill the vacancy by on the Open Space Committee. Following discussion, no appointment was identified.

Guests N/A

Correspondence

Newsletter Article: The board acknowledged their support of the upcoming article relative to dogs being kept on leash at all times in the parks, with the dog park being the noted exception.

Following discussion, the board unanimously supported the idea of prohibiting dogs on the athletic fields and asked Ms. Sweeney to take the necessary steps toward that goal.

Plan Review

N/A

Ongoing Old Business

Dog Park Update: Following discussion it was agreed that the P&R Board would appreciate quarterly updates from the Dog Park Advisory Board.

Game Grove:

Mr. Bray suggested that he would like to see the P&R Board develop a framework to jumpstart the progress on installation of the game grove site furnishings. He noted that he would touch base with Mr. John to establish doable a timeline.

Sensory Enrichment Trail:

Ms. Sweeney reported that a pledge of \$10,000 has been confirmed through a Foundations Community Partnership Grant. She noted that there are conditions which require the project to be moved along quickly.

Ms. Sweeney reported that due to changes on the trail committee, she would be meeting with the township engineer and planner to discuss the process in an attempt to jumpstart the project and get it back on track.

Ms. Sweeney noted that consideration should be given to formalizing the Sensory Trail Committee, creating a defined committee with a defined project goal, similar to that of the Memorial Committee. She also noted that a fundraising member/coordinator was imperative for the success of this project.

Other Business

Programs/Events: Ms. Sweeney reported on upcoming programs and events.

2013 Goals: Mr. Bray noted that he would like to establish goals for the coming year including the Game Grove, Volunteer coordination, Master Plan revision and budget review. He suggested that the goal list be finalized at the next meeting and asked all members to be prepared for discussion.

Life Trail: Ms. Sweeney noted that the LifeTrail fitness components had been approved for 2013. She reminded that as part of the P&R Comprehensive Plan process, adult/senior adult amenities were lacking and that the P&R Board had identified the LifeTrail components for additional into the park. As such the LifeTrail was included with the Master Plan update and added for consideration to the Capital Plan. After a brief discussion it was agreed that discussion of location was important to ensure timely installation.

Mr. Bray suggested the Master Plan may need to be amended to ensure the most suitable location. Mr. Bray suggested this item should be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm on a motion by Mr. Feldscher, seconded by Ms. Brown and unanimously approved.