

**Meeting Notes for Doylestown Park & Recreation Board
April 14th, 2015, Administration**

Attendance :

Jan Suessenguth
Karen Sweeney
Blythe Kelly
Susan Reichwein
Paul DiNella
Joe Salvati
Shawn Touhill, BOS Liaison

Guests: Rick Colello

Visitors: None

Meeting Notes: Approval: 1st Blythe Kelly, 2nd Paul DiNella

Correspondence: None

Plan Review: None

Updates

Amphitheater – Per Karen Sweeney the amphitheater has been ordered. We are just waiting on site preparation to be completed before delivery is scheduled.

The amphitheater will have a concrete slab to be built at its front. This concrete slab area can be used for dancing, ceremonies, weddings, orchestras, etc.

This area will be functional, not just aesthetic

Sensory Trail – Ms .Sweeney states that progression for this trail is at a pause as we wait for engineering plans for pod and boardwalk locations. Due to Woodlands, pod locations must be modified. Awaiting pricing to finalize.

The grant in play for this trail needs to be completed by June.

Ms. Sweeney indicates that although this is not a playground it still needs to conform to certain safety standards as maintaining and pruning trees and branches.

This sensory trail is intended to be a natural experience.

To date there are 10 identified Pods to be built along this trail.

Per Mr. Colello, The Lions Club will soon be making a contribution for a Pod.

Pods must have safety surfacing and meet fall height requirements.

Once decking and material can be finalized these said Pods can be ordered.

Delivery time is estimated at 6-8 weeks.

A Labor Day completion date is estimated.

All equipment will be installed by the township with the exception of the safety surfacing.

Kids Castle – Per Joe Salvati, DC&R has provided a matching grant of \$454,000.

Friends of Kids Castle only needs to raise an additional \$63,000. They are hoping to raise additional funds from the Doylestown Township golf outing on June 1st.

Mr.Salvati indicates that last time this said golf outing raised \$16,000 towards Kids Castle.

Additional funds will assist in the completion of the Kids with special needs section.

This section will consist of a poured in place foundation and inclusive play structure.

Karen Sweeney requests that we are in need of participants from the Kids Castle committee since this is a community service outing that will benefit Kids Castle.

It's is recommended that a social media blast be sent out to golfers and sponsors making them aware that proceeds from this golf outing will benefit Kids Castle.

There was a motion from the Park & Recs committee to accept this request to recommend that the proceeds from this golf outing will benefit phase II of Kids Castle. Acceptance: 1st-Sue Reichwien 2nd-Paul DiNella

Additionally, Joe Salvati also indicated that they are in the process of redesigning the amphitheater section at Kids Castle to allow for addition pieces of play equipment.

Karen Sweeney informed Joe Salvati that Ron Bernstein at Foundations called her and suggested that Friends of Kids Castle should apply for their grant.

Mr. Bernstein suggest that if interested, Mr. Salvati should submit a letter of intent for Fall approval for a grant up to \$60,000.

This letter of intent needs to be submitted by October 1, 2015.

Mr. Bernstein stated that this inclusive play structure to be built at Kids Castle is right in their wheelhouse so this is a good time to submit for this grant.

Site Visit Schedule 2015 for Sauerman Park and Bridgepoint Park:

It is determined that at our next P&R meeting on May 12, 2015, the board will meet at the Township building and then travel to Sauerman Park for a site visit.

* It was noted at the adjournment of the meeting that this park visit may be postponed if Kim & CB Cares can participate in our May P&R Meeting.

Other Business:

Golf outing is June 1st. We are in need of as many volunteers as possible.

Sounds of summer concert:

Per Ms. Sweeney, we have 8 performances scheduled, 3 of which will be held in Doylestown Borough. This will be the last year of joint performances taking place in the borough.

Ms. Sweeney indicates that we need more assistance at all concerts.

Since it is our 20th Anniversary of the park this year, the Quakertown Band will join in our celebration on 7/29/15.

8/12/15 will be our concert finale featuring an interactive sing along movie.

Out of the 5 choices of Momma Mia, Frozen, Grease, The Wizard of Oz, & Mary Poppins, it was decided amongst the P&R Board that we will feature Grease.

1st-Blythe Kelly. 2nd-Susan Reichwein.

This production will feature interactive actors & give away bags.

An inflatable screen will be placed in front of the band shell for the movie showing.

Doylestown Borough is working on enlisting local restaurants to offer food at the summer concerts as it would be nice to have a meal option.

Fundraising for the summer concerts: we have already exceeded fundraising expectations.

It is anticipated that the Band shell will be completed and ready for a June 24th opening.

As per Emily Rehmet, youth groups such as CB Cares & Y2C have requested to be considered for as the opening act for all summer concerts.

This will be taken into consideration once the logistics of the stage can be figured out.

CB West high school is very excited and enthusiastic of over the opening of the Bandshell.

We will ask CB Cares to join us at our May P&R meeting to discuss

****Additional other business:**

*Per Karen Sweeney , the township tela-communications board (TBA) did not find that a separate parks and recreation board Facebook page would be feasible at this time.

* Blythe Kelly questioned the use of drones in Central Park.
Ms. Sweeney responded and indicated that we cannot control air space but we can control takeoff and landings.
The Township is working on implementing rules for drones in our parks.

2015 Goals will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment 6:30 PM 1st: Sue Reichwein. 2nd: Paul DiNella