



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Doylestown Township Administrative Building, Caucus Room.

- In attendance: John Bray, Paul DiNella, Kevin Kane, Kathy Brown, Mary Ann Bowman, Kellie McGowan, Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation & Ryan Manion - BOS Liaison
- Absent: Blythe Kelly
- Guests: Dave Tomko-Director of Operations, Chris Mason, Park Superintendent

### **Presentation of Chris Mason, Park Superintendent**

Scope of Duties and tasks involved with maintaining Township parks

Present concern with structures within parks

Update: Dog park drainage is updated

Turk parks: Turk 1 completed and Turk 2 to be started with poured in place in the Spring; Turk 2 backstops complete

2020 Budget includes repairs to bike and hike trails

Perspective – supports Master Plan for the individual parks

Challenges: (1) dealing with contractors for park improvements; (2) difficult to provide service with only 3 people; (3) weather

Specific parks:

Sauerman park – condition of baseball field is an issue; orientation also an issue

Kids Castle – structure itself will need to be addressed

Castle Valley – takes care of itself; low maintenance

Athletic fields being managed

Bridge Point – 2020 renovation of the roof

Turk 2 – challenging.

### **Meeting Notes January 17, 2020**

The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mary Ann Bowman and a second by Paul DiNella.

*Discussion: None.*

**Visitors:** None

**Correspondence:**

**Memo:** Ways & Means Committee

**Plans:** None.

**Ongoing Business:****Indoor Park and Rec Building –**

Kathy presents a motion: Park and rec board recommend a moving forward with a recommendation to the Board for construction of a pre-engineered indoor recreation center at a minimum of 12,000 sf including a multi-purpose gym... and... that will meet current future needs of the Township.

Park and Rec Board will forward the Memo to the Board of Supervisors on the recommendation of the Board.

Kathy presents a motion that we recommend to utilize JD Bravo and Rob Galant (owner's representative) to assist in the RFP process. *Motion failed for lack of second.*

**Old Business/Updates:****2020 Goals:**

1. Make recommendations for future projects and improvements, recognizing the positive aspects of the parks. Park tour will evaluate the status of parks and help direct the P&R Board recommendations for projects.
2. Building visibility of the park and rec board on social media.

**Park Tour:**

Kevin: anything we should be marking down on the park tour?

Examples: hazards or maintenance, needs, benefits, signage/visibility, should we consider smart parks or ideas for moving forward. All concur.

**Discussion of social marketing:**

Paul: What should we be doing to move the social marketing forward and is the BOS inclined to support

Ryan: need a representative to the TAB board

Paul: strategy moving forward

John: Was there previously money for a master plan for Turk Park?

Karen: Doesn't believe so. There as only an update to the Central Park Master Plan. We could propose an overall Master Plan for all parks and apply for a grant.

John: We had a prior proposal from Boucher and James for a Master Plan.

Kids Castle update provided by Kathy in Joe's absence. The Friends of Kids Castle Committee is continuing forward with the ongoing improvements at the playground. We have one more play structure to raise money for and install. Also raising funds to continue replacing the loose Engineered Fiber with more poured-in-place safety surfacing.

**Other Business (Karen):**

**Group Days at Kids Castle:**

Karen: do we want to continue group days and bus trips from outside areas to kids castle?  
There is a \$5 per person charge.

Kevin: could raise prices

Kathy: confirmed times and dates of visits

Karen: is the revenue worth the expense

Paul: more than just revenue and expense

John: we should try to continue to support the use of the park in furtherance of our mission

**Golf Outing:**

June 1, 2020

**Dog Park:**

Dog Park access change over system occurring this week.

**Performing Arts Schedule:**

Participants have been confirmed. National acts and local performers. Elvis is coming.  
Pending Board of Supervisors approval.

Board supports the proposal.

**New Website:**

Park and Rec has micropages; review of shell

John: do we have a budget because we don't have a map.

No launch date

**\*Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm on a motion by John Bray and a second by Kevin Kane, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kellie McGowan

Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_