



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: February 8, 2022

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A regularly scheduled public meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:35p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Doylestown Township Administrative Building, Caucus Room.

- In attendance: Paul DiNella, Kellie McGowan, Kathy Brown, Brent Ruge, Bob Shaffer, Blythe Kelly and Kevin Kane and Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks & Recreation
- Absent: None.
- Guests: Stephanie Mason, Township Manager, Joe Salvati, Kids Castle

### Welcome Visitors and Visitor comment

None.

### **Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022**

Kellie McGowan requested two revisions to the draft minutes to reflect that the meeting was held via zoom, and Karen Sweeney was present. Motion of Kellie McGowan second by Paul DiNella, to approve, as revised. Minutes approved 6-1 (Kellie McGowan abstains).

### Correspondence/Information

#### **1. Memo: Joe Salvati to Barbara Lyons**

Joe described the background for the naming discussion, including origin as a possible re-naming of Kids' Castle. After discussion, there is a proposed location of the tree and proposed bench in honor of Dawn Byers in proximity to the Castle. The Board reviewed the proposal and is in agreement with the naming and memorandum as presented by Joe.

Discussion of the naming of benches and plaques in Central Park.

#### **2. Trends in Park and Recreation for 2022**

Kathy asked all to be familiar with the trends, as they are relevant to the Park Master Plan.

#### **3. Community Center Monthly Update** **a. BOS Presentation 2/15/2022**

Karen presented a cursory pre-review of the draft floor plan of the recreation building reflecting the shape of the building as previously discussed, in anticipation of the architect presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Also discussion of programming, potential storage space within and exterior to the building, indoor/outdoor space. Discussion of Ready for 100 resolution and green building metrics. Support of the Board for the draft floor plan. The building has potential expansion space.

#### **4. Performing Arts Concert Schedule**

Preliminary schedule reviewed. Appreciate Karen Sweeney identifying new diverse performers Warwick Brewing Company has committed to the beer garden.

#### **Review of Plans – None.**

#### **New Business Discussion**

##### **Goals for 2022**

Board discussed focusing on P&R department programming and existing events and support for those events.

Fundraising efforts to be focused on the P&R events and programs, including support of the golf outing, DecemberFest, and the like.

##### **Park Master Planning Project**

Discussion of the zoom meeting introducing the Township development of the park plans for the next 5-10-15 years. The committee is looking for recommendations on priorities for the park use and development in the future. March 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for recommendations to the parks master planning committee.

Discussion of previously identified priorities, including pavilion at Sauerman park, and also new ideas for recommendations. Consider what has occurred since the Comprehensive Plan was development and what updates should be considered.

Karen Sweeney requested that the Board consider recommendations relating to (1) water to all of the parks, in the form of water fountains; and (2) outfield fences for the baseball fields at Turk II park.

Discussion of visiting Ash Way park.

The Master Plan recommendations will be the focus of the March P&R Board meeting.

##### **Sauerman Park Update**

Capital project in the form of a pavilion. Needs analysis for concept, design to request a cost for funding. Also discussed basketball court as potential capital project. Discussion to review the process for both projects to move forward with recommendations.

Karen confirmed that Sauerman is a neighborhood park.

Also discussion of use of existing features and structures to facilitate improvements.

There has been interest in renting space at the park.

Also discussion of taking the baseball field into consideration for the park improvement.  
Potential for re-use as field for multi-sport ballfield.

**Events** – discussion tabled.

- Golf Outing
- Concerts
- DecemberFest
- Food Truck Fest

**\*Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm on a motion by Blythe Kelly and a second by Paul DiNella, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kellie McGowan  
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

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