



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: March 12, 2024

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 in the Caucus Room of the Doylestown Township building, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown.

- In attendance: Paul DiNella, Kellie McGowan, Blythe Kelly, Don Borden, Brent Ruge, Joe Salvati, Kathy Brown, Barbara Lyons, Board of Supervisors liaison
- Absent: Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation (*attending conference*).
- Guests: Stephanie Mason, Township Manager; Jim Baldassari, EAC Chairman
- Visitors: Will Wister, owner and founder of Main Swing Golf Lounge, Doylestown

Agenda Update:

Motion to amend the order of the agenda to move “Visitors” to top of agenda. Moved by Kathy Brown, second by Kellie McGowan. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting Notes: Motion made by Kathy Brown and second by Brent Ruge to approve the meeting minutes for the February 13, 2023 meeting with minor revision to Directors Report. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Visitors:

- Will Wister, Main Street Golf Lounge. Mr. Wister advised the park board of the operations at the Main Swing Golf Lounge in Doylestown, and reviewed opportunities to have an outing at the golf lounge. There are several options for the outing. Capacity is 50 people, with max of 64 golfers during the course of the day. A family time could be designated. Food and beverage options were discussed, as well as sponsorship opportunities. Board is looking to schedule the outing for early 2025.

Information and Correspondence:

- **Golf Outing Flyer.** Distributed.
- **Concert Parking Map.** Map will be provided at a future date. The Board of Supervisors authorized plans for an additional permanent parking lot (initial gravel construction) on the New Britain Road area of Central Park. Will include additional temporary lighting for safe pedestrian travel.

Review of Plans: None.

New Business:

- **EAC Garden Party.** Jim Baldassari provided an update. The EAC will be hosting a Garden Party at the Central Park EAC Education Center on June 22, 2024 from 10am – 1pm. Rain date is the following day. The event is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the native plant garden. Focus is on the celebration of the park, with music, kids’ activities and refreshments. Capital campaign will have presence. Blythe offered the assistance of the park board with the event.

PRB Discussion.

- **Update – Virtual golf event.** Park board will re-visit the discussion as the date gets closer, with a focus on March 2025.
- **Future events/locations.** Joe suggested a discussion of a Spring event for the park board. This could be the Main Swing golf event on an annual basis. The park board continues to discuss opportunities to bring residents to the other parks within the Township. Paul discussed a possible geocaching event, which could be combined with a scavenger hunt concept. Stephanie Mason discussed a simple event that could be promoted this year. Park board will come to the next meeting prepared with ideas.
- **Member Comments.**
 - Brent requested an update on the Sauerman Road parking lot. Stephanie advised of the start of BCWSA work.
 - Paul DiNella requested additional future agenda items relating to the construction project and the capital campaign progress.
 - Kellie McGowan encouraged the park board to participate in the capital campaign.

Subcommittee Updates:

- **Golf Outing update.** Form has been circulated. Committee is focused on sponsorships for this year. Stephanie advised that \$22,200 has been confirmed in sponsorships and we are receiving positive feedback on Commonwealth golf course.
- **Wayfinding Sign Project.** Don Borden advised of progress on the park map design. Should have a map prepared at the next park board meeting in April.
- **Dog Park.** New equipment installed in the dog park with positive reviews. Orientations continue. Kathy is working with TAB on the online orientation videos.

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm on a motion by Kellie McGowan and a second by Kathy Brown, with all in favor. Meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kellie McGowan
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____