



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: March 11, 2025

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at the Doylestown Township Administrative Building, Meeting Room.

- In attendance: Blythe Kelly, Joe Salvati, Kellie McGowan, Brent Ruge, Paul DiNella, Don Borden Kathy Brown, Karen Sweeney - Director of Parks and Recreation Department, Barbara Lyons, Board of Supervisors Liaison.
- Absent: None
- Guests: Stephanie Mason - Township Manager, Cortnie Jones - Program Manager
- Visitors: Austin; Chris Blackway, Nomad Supply Company; Indie Allen, Philadelphia; Scott, Doylestown Township

Meeting Notes.

- Motion made by Joe Salvati, with a second by Kathy Brown, to approve the meeting minutes for the February 11, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously 6-0; Paul DiNella abstained.

Correspondence/Attachments.

- Agenda
- Skepton
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- P&R Report
- Turk Road Memo
- Skatepark
- CP location consideration
- Skatepark proposal
- Park Rec meeting notes
- Dtwp Skateboard Ord
- Dtwp Park System Rules
- Dtwp Park Master Plans

New Business.

- Doylestown Skatepark Coalition. Mr. Scott presented the PowerPoint presentation prepared by Doylestown Skatepark Coalition. Existing skate parks are 30 minutes away and the group sees opportunity in the community. Modern skatepark proposed with estimate of costs associated with construction of this scale of park. Concrete skateparks do not require significant annual maintenance. Discussion of the recency of the new skateparks in the area with questions from Joe about how the parks age. The funding discussion is dependent upon the location of the park. Question relating to how the funding will be acquired. The Coalition is looking for the Township to provide commitment on location, insurance and maintenance (may include some level of endowment). Discussion of noise generation, which is less than wooden facilities. Paul asked for statistics on use and demographics of users, and whether events would be held. Coalition can provide statistics and would propose events. Karen advised of the need to review Central Park proposed location for suitability. Coalition will also provide a copy of the petition that the Coalition obtained in support of the project.

Review of Plans.

- N/A

Old Business.

- **Park Improvement Project.** Skepton Two-Week Look Ahead updates reviewed. Karen advised that everything remains on schedule. Site work has commenced for the bathrooms. The project remains on track for end of May/June.
- **Corn Hole Board (outdoors).** The board discussed the site visit and identification of location in proximity to Kids Castle and the picnic grove, which is fairly level and provides potential for expansion. A layout will be prepared. This location is recommended by the board subcommittee and the Township staff. Blythe requested board consensus for this location, all in favor.

PRB Member Comments.

- Kathy Brown presented the board with a map of the bike and hike trails in Central Park prepared by residents Rob and Clair Robinson. The map provides the distances for the trail(s).
- Joe Salvati discussed the opportunity to use the two posts that were left from the capital campaign sign to post a new sign that promotes the Central Park programming. The board is in support.

Subcommittee Reports.

- **Golf Outing Update.** Kellie provided an update on the meeting at Commonwealth and the updates to the event including the change in time and additional event options. The subcommittee requested board feedback on the golf package and fees.
- **Wayfinding Sign Project.** Kathy advised that the subcommittee is continuing to locate a producer for the sign.
- **Inside Open Golf Outing (Main Swing).** Kathy advised that the event was a big success. The event raised over \$4,000. The event will be held again last year. The board congratulated Kathy on a great event.

P&R Director's Report:

- Karen thanked the staff for all of the work going into the programming for the new facility and the summer events. The department has met with several vendors and is exploring marketing opportunities.
- The Township P&R Department is attending the PA Recreation and Park Society conference in Hershey from March 16-19..

Visitor Comments. None.

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm on a motion by Kathy Brown with a second by Paul DiNella. All in Favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kellie McGowan
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____