



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: May 5, 2026

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:38 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Doylestown Township Administrative Building, Caucus Room.

- In attendance: Don Borden, Kellie McGowan, Paul DiNella, Jim Plummer, Cortnie Jones, Parks and Recreation Department, Barbara Lyons, Board of Supervisors Liaison (via zoom)
- Absent: Blythe Kelly, Joe Salvati, Kathy Brown
- Guests: Stephanie Mason, Township Manager
- Visitors: None.

Meeting Notes.

- Tabled. Approval of the Tuesday, April 7, 2026 meeting was deferred to the June meeting for lack of quorum to approve.

Correspondence/Attachments. None.

Plans.

- Doylestown Country Club Minor Subdivision. The Board reviewed the proposed plan for the creation of one new lot fronting on East Road. By consensus the committee recommends to the Board of Supervisors to request the standard fee in lieu of recreation area as set forth on the ordinance for the new lot.

New Business. None.

Old Business.

- Ash Way Discussion. Don Borden recommends and requests a review of the proposed concept plan as set forth in the Township Master Park Plan, to investigate other future use of Ash Way open space and review alternatives. Cortnie will circulate the Ash Way portion of the Master Plan for discussion at the next meeting. The Ash Way open space is presently a farmed field. Stephanie Mason confirmed that there are no existing restrictions on the use or development of the area. Don pointed out that this is the only piece of undeveloped land in the Township and no parks in the western part of the Township. Stephanie confirmed there is no funding for any improvements. Paul supported reviewing naturalized options.
- Chimney Swift Tower. This project has been completed in Central Park. The purple martin has also been installed. The structures were donated to the Township. There is no current plan for more installations.

Subcommittee Reports.

- Wayfinding Signs (PRB Project). The wayfinding sign is complete and was submitted to the Township for production. The Board of Supervisors will receive an presentation of the sign at the next BOS meeting. The committee is pleased with the result of the pilot

program. Paul suggested a discussion of phase 2 of the wayfinding sign project at the next meeting, including additional signs and/or locations.

Member Comments.

- Paul asked for an update on the lights at the Central Park sport courts.
- Don taught landscaping design course including students who garden at Lenape Valley Church. As a result the church is pursuing a grant to implement the garden.
- Kellie advised that the golf committee is actively soliciting sponsorships and encouraged all members to reach out in support of the outing.

Staff Reports: Cortnie reported the following:

- Effective May 2, 2026, we are pleased to announce several staff updates:
 - Christian Farrell has been promoted to Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
 - Melissa Flemming has been promoted to Programs Manager.
 - Katie Chookagian has joined the department as our new Program Specialist
- Our annual Touch-A-Truck event is scheduled for May 16 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We currently have 44 trucks confirmed. Barbara, Joe, and Don will be volunteering at the Parks & Recreation tent, where we will be distributing giveaways and promotional materials. Please note that this event is weather-dependent and will not be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.
- The Central Park sport court lighting has been fully repaired and is now operational. The lights are set on a timer, turning on at dusk and off at 10:00 PM. Walkway lighting remains on for an additional 15 minutes to ensure safe exit from the courts. We are pleased to report strong usage throughout the day and evening. Additionally, a Bucks County Tennis Association instructor recently noted that our facility has some of the best outdoor court lighting he has ever seen.
- Program of the Month: Skyhawks Sports to offer youth golf programming, including GolfTots (ages 3–5) and Beginner Golf (ages 6–10). Classes are held on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons at Turk Park, in the T-ball field area. This program has been running for over a year and consistently reaches or approaches maximum capacity each session.

Visitor Comment. None.

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm on a motion by Don Borden with a second by Paul DiNella. All in Favor, motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kellie McGowan
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____