



## **DOG PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Meeting Notes – February 4, 2013**

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The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: Kathy Brown, Deb McComas, Ada Popek, Helen Neuman, Greg Hayes, Caroline Brinker, Barbara Lyons and Karen Sweeney.
- Absent:
- Guests:

#### **Introduction**

Kathy Brown welcomed all attendees. Each member introduced themselves.

#### **Election of Officers**

Election of Officers was tabled until the March meeting pending appointment of additional members.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

Kathy Brown suggested that a primary responsibility of the board would be to educate and inform. She noted that this should include both members as well as the general public.

Greg Hayes suggested an article about the dog park providing a synopsis from inception to reality. Kathy Brown agreed to write the article and also noted that the genesis of the dog park originated with the Doylestown Community Joint Park, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan which should be noted in the article.

Kathy Brown noted that advocacy of the dog park was another important role. She noted that each member should serve as both advocate and ambassador.

#### **Public Relations**

Kathy Brown noted that communication will be a key component for future success of the park.

Karen Sweeney noted that all members have the option of opting in or out relative notifications sent out by the township. She further noted that there are still a large number that have opted "out" and therefore are not receiving notification. Karen additionally noted that all closures are also posted on the [doylestownrec.com](http://doylestownrec.com) website.

Kathy Brown proposed the idea of an onsite message board at the park. The idea was unanimously embraced.

#### **2013 Goals and Long Range Goals**

Kathy Brown asked the members to think of what they would like to see accomplished and be prepared to develop a goal list at the next meeting. Kathy suggested ideas could include clean up days, board sponsored activities and events (i.e., pot-luck get together) clean up days, rescue days, etc.

Kathy Brown also noted that it was important to discuss and plan for long range goals for the betterment of the overall park.

Ada Popek suggested that additional shade in the off-leash sections should be discussed. The other members concurred.

## **Other Business**

The next orientation session was announced as February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Activity Center.

## **Adjournment**

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm on a motion by Deb McComas, seconded by Ada Popek and unanimously approved.