



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: Kathy Brown (Vice Chairman), Don Borden, Don Feldscher, Allison Hamilton, Susan Reichwein and Karen Sweeney.
- Absent: John Bray and Dan Ring
- Guests: Mr. Greg Prime, Buckingham Township

Meeting Notes

The October 9, 2011 meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Feldscher and second by Ms. Hamilton

Guests

Mr. Greg Prime was introduced. Mr. Prime noted that he was attending in support of allowing the Central Park tennis/basketball courts to be used for the purpose of adult pick-up soccer. Following discussion the Board agreed that the use of the courts should be limited to the intended use of basketball and tennis.

Ms. Reichwein noted that the township invested in the repair and resurfacing of the courts and that the P&R Board had a responsibility to make recommendations that protects those resources by way of both frequency and duration of use.

Ms. Reichwein offered the suggestion that the soccer group might discuss the possibility of fundraising for the installation of a multi-use sports court that would be more appropriate for their soccer activities.

The Board thanked Mr. Prime for coming to the meeting.

The topic of replacing existing lighting was discussed briefly. Ms. Sweeney agreed to investigate costs for installation and operation of lighting both at the courts and the new Central Park fields. It was acknowledged by the Board that this was just investigatory and not a recommendation at this time.

Correspondence

Mr. Gavin Graham: The Board acknowledged receipt and review of the letters received from Mr. Graham. It was noted that the topic of tennis court use had been discussed with Mr. Prime and the Board's recommendation recorded.

Board of Supervisors Minutes (8/16/11, 9/20/11 and 10/4/11): No comment

Plan Review (Pavilion at Furlong, Ventresca, Eastburn): No action taken

Ongoing Old Business

Oktoberfest: Following discussion, the Board agreed that even in the worst possible conditions, the fair representatives did a good job and followed through with their word. The Board unanimously recommended that the event be allowed to continue in future years.

The Board did support a name change away from Oktoberfest to better promote what the event truly is (i.e., fair or festival). It was also noted that the name Oktoberfest also confuses

attendees as to the availability of a beer garden.

Ms. Reichwein suggest that a new name would help to revitalize the event and allow it to evolve naturally, including the “community feel”, rather than trying to re-create what it had been.

Sensory Enrichment Trail: Ms. Sweeney noted that she and several other committee members had attended the class at which the DelVal students made their design presentations and that they had done a great job overall. She further noted that due to the diversity of the presentations, committee members in attendance were working to develop feasible trail concept/design to present to the full trail committee at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Borden noted that the project has become a true partnership with the township, college and CB Autism groups as well as, the Lions Club and other supportive individuals. He noted that the goal was to have the basic design and cost estimates in place to apply for the spring round of grant funding.

Dog Park Update: Ms. Brown indicated that the committee had reached the initial fundraising goal. She noted that a spring groundbreaking and 2012 opening was anticipated pending final approval by the Board of Supervisors and County Commissioners.

Game Grove: N/A

Other Business

Turf Field Development: Mrs. Reichwein noted that following discussion with Richard John, Director of Operations, and the existing Central Park fields might be best suited for conversion to “turf”. Ms. Reichwein noted that her husband was potentially interested in pursuing this as a community project if feasible.

Concerns regarding funding, maintenance and safety were briefly discussed and it was agreed that all factors involved with development, maintenance and safety of a turf fields would need to be thoroughly investigated.

Parkway Opening: Ms. Sweeney reported the 202 Parkway opening is anticipated in the fall of 2012 and that discussion regarding opening events was getting underway. She highlighted some ideas such as a Roll and Stroll and Picnic on the Parkway that are under consideration. The Board expressed enthusiasm and commitment to working on the opening events.

Limited Beer/Wine Permits: Following up on the earlier Oktoberfest conversation, the Board discussed the feasibility of incorporating a limited beer and wine policy into the existing park use structure. Mr. Borden noted that since it takes place anyway the P&R Board should develop a use policy and permit.

Ms. Sweeney noted that there are other municipalities that have protocols in place and that it would certainly create a new revenue center.

Mr. Borden asked that Ms. Sweeney do some research for future discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Adjournment

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm at the call of the Vice-Chairman.