



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes – October 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Don Feldscher, Jan Suessenguth, Blythe Kelly and Karen Sweeney
- Absent: Kathy Brown, Susan Reichwein, Shawn Touhill
- Guests: Rick Colello (BOS), Joe Salvati (FKC)

Meeting Notes – September 10, 2103 (revised)

The revised meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Feldscher and second by Ms. Kelly

Visitors:

Joe Salvati from the Friends of Kids Castle Committee provided a status update of the Kids Castle playground restoration.

Additional discussion followed regarding the Phase II efforts, surfacing options and ways to create more visibility relative to Phase II fundraising.

Correspondence

The Doylestown Township Boards and Commissions Volunteer Handbook were distributed. No discussion took place.

Plan Review N/A

Ongoing / Old Business

Kids Castle: Mr. Salvati reported that the Phase I re-opening of the castle was a tremendous success and the committee was moving forward with development of the Phase II initiative. He asked the P&R Board for support going forward.

Mr. Salvati inquired if there was a way to post information closer in proximity to the playground itself. Ms. Sweeney noted that there was a message board on the trail just outside the playground that could be used and/or moved for their purposes. Mr. Salvati inquired if a message board could be built or purchased. Ms. Sweeney noted that she would pull some information for review.

Dog Park Update: Ms. Sweeney noted that as result of a lightning strike the security gate went down. She further noted that repairs had been made and a claim filed with the insurance company.

Sensory Enrichment Trail: Ms. Sweeney reported no word had been received relative the grant submissions to DCED and the VIA. She noted that she would keep the board informed.

Amphitheater: The board discussed options relative construction of an amphitheater in Central Park. Mr. Bray suggested that while a pre-fab structure is an option, he suggested that a custom structure would better represent the character of Central Park. The sketch plans (including stage structure, structure, permanent seating, tiered lawn seating and bathroom/concession) possibilities were briefly discussed. He estimated the construction costs to be approximately 2 million dollars.

Ms. Sweeney suggested that a recommendation and proposal be forwarded to the board for their consideration/blessing before moving forward with further planning. She further noted that construction of a pre-fab structure is currently included in the capital plan.

LifeTrail: Ms. Sweeney reported that the LifeTrail is receiving a lot of use and that she has made arrangements with Cornerstone for program opportunities with certified trainers. She further noted that Cornerstone was preparing an instructional video that will be posted on the township's websites.

Other Business

2014 Budget: Ms. Sweeney reported on the Budget meeting held with the Ways and Means Committee, supervisors and department heads. She noted that she was cautiously optimistic that the Program Coordinator position would be returned to full time status. She thanked the board for their support.

Tennis Court Surfacing: Ms. Sweeney noted that there was no additional news relative to repair options for the courts. Mr. Bray noted that he would discuss the situation with Mr. John.

Adjournment

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.