



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes – August 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

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

Meeting Notes - May 14, 2013

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

Visitors:

Ray Hedricks, EAC Chairman made a presentation to the board regarding sensitive environmental areas within the park System. Mr. Hendricks asked for P&R Board support for the placement of small signs identifying these areas (including Hart's Woods and the Neamand Trail).

Following discussion, the board voted unanimously on a motion by Ms. Suessenguth and seconded by Ms. Reichwein to support the EAC efforts to protect environmentally sensitive areas and the posting of up to twelve signs as warranted.

Mr. Hendricks also noted that he was preparing to undertake a reptiles and amphibians inventory and asked for the P&R Board's support. The board unanimously voted to support this project and commended Mr. Hendricks for his years of service and ongoing efforts.

Correspondence

Fall 2013 Program Guide: Mr. Bray commented that the program guide looked great, if not, the best yet. He thanked Ms. Sweeney for her efforts and hard work. He also referenced the flyers for the upcoming Bird Walks and Native Plant programs.

Plan Review N/A

Ongoing / Old Business

Game Grove & LifeTrail: Mr. Bray noted the completion of the LifeTrail. Ms. Sweeney reported that the dedication for both would be announced once the date was coordinated with the Supervisors.

Beer & Wine Policy/Permit: Following renewed discussion, the P&R Board voted unanimously to withdraw their recommendation relative to public permit however, still recommended consideration be given to the possible inclusion of alcohol at internally sponsored P&R functions as deemed appropriate.

Kids Castle: Mr. Bray reported that the refurbishing of the castle continues and that the re-opening timeframe has not been determined.

Dog Park Update: Ms. Sweeney noted that the operation of the dog park was going well. She also noted that the first year anniversary was quickly approaching at the end of September.

Sensory Enrichment Trail: Ms. Sweeney reported that the engineering work was still being

prepared and that no forward action could take place until permits were approved.

Amphitheater: Ms. Sweeney noted that time; weather and wear-and-tear are taking its toll on the Showmobile. She suggested that the time had come to give consideration to repair or replacement of the amphitheater stage area.

Mr. Bray reminded the board that several years ago he had presented drawings and a model that included permanent structure, permanent seating as well as terraced seating cut into the hill. He noted that. He estimated the cost going forward to be 1.5-2 million dollars.

Mr. Bray noted that he would bring the plans to the September meeting.

Other Business

Tennis Court Surfacing: Ms. Sweeney noted that she had not heard anything new as to the remediation of the courts surface. Mr. Bray again noted his concern relative to the failing surface and noted that he would follow up with Mr. John. The Board concurred that with the courts being re-surfaced only a couple of years ago, the damage occurring is not acceptable.

Adjournment

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55