DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD



Meeting Notes: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at the Doylestown Township Administrative Trailer-Conference Room

- <u>In attendance</u>: John Bray, Blythe Kelly, Kathy Brown, Susan Reichwein, Paul DiNella, Robert Salanik, Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation
- Absent: Vijay Balaji, Youth Member
- Guests: Dave Tomko-Township Director of Operations, Joe Salvati-Kids Castle

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The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. DiNella and a second by Ms. Brown

Visitors: Jeremy Victor, President-Warrington Soccer Club

Mr. Victor was in attendance to ask the Board for consideration to install field lighting to Turk Parks II & III. Mr. Victor proposes to the Board that Warrington soccer club assume the burden of project management and the costs incurred. Mr. Bray expresses concern of light placement in regards to other sporting activities that occur on these fields. Mr. Bray suggests that a design professional would need to be obtained to draft a lighting scheme proposal that would take into consideration all sports played on these fields. Sealed drawings would be mandatory. Another concern is light pollution to adjacent residents. Ms. Sweeney indicates that night sky laws are regulated by the Township. Additionally, Mr Bray informs Mr. Victor that these said parks are County owned. Therefore, we would also have to address the element of risk and review our current lease. Mr. Bray, Mr. DiNella, & Mr. Salanik suggest that the Board develop a master plan for Turk Parks II & III to move forward. This master plan will need to be developed prior to any light installation. Currently, there are no funds in the budget to develop a master plan.

Correspondence: None

Plans: None

Updates:

Turk Park II Playground Update:

Ms. Sweeney expresses concern over the poured in place surfacing safety standards. She has taken this playground out of service until further surface testing is completed. Drop testing is scheduled to be conducted on November 15. This will determine resiliency and remediation.

<u>Activity/ Recreation Building construction update:</u> Mr. Tomko informed our Board that the bid opening date is November 29. Additionally, he is looking into the cost of pre-engineered metal buildings which would require less site work.

He shares with the Board that his church has a proposed recreational building plan, which features a full size gym, community room, and bathrooms. Cost for this project, including site work, is estimated at \$1.3 million.

The Board discusses the possibility of constructing an Activity/ Recreation Building on the site of current tennis courts as an alternative for the proposed New Britain Road location. This would require less site work and reduce the building costs. This tennis court location has the added benefits of parking as well as added security; located adjacent to the police department. In all, our Board wants a functional facility, with minimal site work, that meets all of our township activity needs.

Mr. Bray suggest that we develop a business plan to determine the revenue that this future Activity/ Recreation Building will produce. Ms. Sweeney and Mr. Salanik have begun to develop a revenue chart based on figures and data from competing townships recreational facilities. Mr. Bray suggests that this Board meet on December 4, after the bids for this proposed Activity/ Recreation Building are submitted, to further develop this said business plan and present it to the BOS at their meeting on 12/5.

<u>Kids Castle</u>: Due to time constraints, Mr. Salvati has opted out of providing the Board with an update.

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<u>Dog Park:</u> Due to time constraints, Ms. Brown has opted out of providing the Board with an update.

Other Business: None

*Adjournment: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm on a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. DiNella, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:
Blythe Kelly
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board
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