

Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Notes
January 9, 2018

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on January 9, 2018.

In Attendance: John Bray, Kathy Brown, Susan Reichwein, Robert Salanik, Janice Solkov, Stephanie Mason, Ken Snyder, Jennifer Herring.

Guests: Tom Kelso Bike/Hike Committee, and Evan Stone, Paul Gordon, Rich Brahler of the Bucks County Planning Commission.

Meeting Notes:

The meeting notes from the December 4, 2017 were unanimously approved, Janice Solkov abstained.

Visitors:

The representatives from the Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC) presented a revised proposed alignment of the Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail that would include Turk Rd Park, Grundy Hall, Kelly Road and the Barn Plaza and Doylestown Pointe Shopping Centers. The committee discussed the details for the plans and made some suggestions for improvements to the members of the BCPC.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made to nominate John Bray for Chairman, Paul DiNella for Vice Chairman and Blythe Kelly for Secretary. Those nominated were elected by unanimous vote.

Plans:

It was noted that plans have been submitted for the renovation of the Central Bucks School District Memorial Fields, the Parks and Recreation Committee took no action on the plans.

Updates/Discussions:

DCNR Grant – the committee received notice of the receipt of a \$ 10,000 grant from the Penna. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to assist in the a plan update for the Township Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan.

Recreation Center- Mr. Bray indicated that he had been in contact with a business associate from Slosser Steel who provided him with some drafts of plans for a recreation center. The subcommittee will review the plans. Mr. Salanik indicated that he would like to approach members of the Ways and Means Committee and ask for their assistance in developing a business plan for the recreation center. Mr. Bray indicated that he would discuss with the Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee.

2018 Goals:

The committee discussed several ideas for goals in the upcoming year. It was decided to focus on the following Goals for 2018.

1. **Market the Township Park System** so that all residents are aware of the fabulous recreational parks, facilities and amenities available within the township.
2. Develop a Proposal for a **Community Recreation Center** to replace the former activity center and to enhance the indoor recreation facilities available within the township.
3. **Review and Update the existing Lease for the Turk Road Fields with Bucks County**, either entering into a long term lease with the County or procuring township ownership of the fields.
4. **Upgrade the fields and facilities at the Turk Road Fields** and Playground and have the **“fall surface” of the playground replaced or repaired** as soon as possible.
5. **Update the Township Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan.**

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.