



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: September 10, 2024

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the Doylestown Township Administrative Building, Caucus Room.

- **In attendance:** Blythe Kelly, Paul DiNella, Joe Salvati, Don Borden, Kellie McGowan, Brent Ruge, Kathy Brown, Karen Sweeney-Director of Parks and Recreation Department.
- **Absent:** None
- **Guests:** Cortnie Jones - program manager; Stephanie Mason - Township Manager
- **Visitors:** Abbie Simon, 905 Deerfield Lane, Doylestown Township

Meeting Notes:

- Motion made by Joe Salvati, with a second by Brent Ruge, to approve the meeting minutes for the July 9, 2024, meeting, with two revisions as discussed. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Information and Correspondence:

- **CRC Level Update Slides.** Project is still within Spring 2025 timeline.
- **Skepton's Two-Week Look ahead #17 (8/29/24).** Project continuing on with more dirt removal and slab completed for the multi-purpose room.
- **Key products – Cornhole.** Discussion later in agenda.
- **OCG Products.** Discussion later in agenda.

Review of Plans:

- **Fir Line Properties – 405 Edison Furlong Road Subdivision.** Board recommended the Township obtain the fee in lieu of recreation area. Motion by Joe Salvati, second by Kathy Brown to recommend that the Township require a fee in lieu of recreation land for the subdivision in the amount required by the Township ordinances. Motion passed 7-0.

Old Business:

- **Park Improvement Project Status.** Discussed during Correspondence.
- **Future Events/Locations.** Discussion of additional events to be continued to a future meeting.

New Business:

- **P&R Project 2024: Permanent Cornhole.** Karen advised on the investigation into cornhole / bag toss equipment, with several options. The cornhole boards are intended to be permanent, and players would bring their own bags. Karen will obtain a quote for a set. Intent would be to surface mount the boards on a concrete slab. Intent would be to take cost out of 2024 budget. Proposed location could be game grove, to be determined. Board consensus to move forward with quote for two sets of cornhole boards with bike protectors.

Member Comments:

- Kathy advised that Fido Float event had over 100 dogs and was a very successful event.
- Paul DiNella advised of his discussion with the tree expert relating to the use of the fallen tree at the western side of Central Park. The tree was evaluated and confirmed that it had previously been struck by lightning, making it impossible to use for a slab. Park Board encouraged the use for of the wood for other purposes.
- Blythe thanks parks and rec board for their support.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Golf Outing Update.** Karen advised that the outing is full at 116 golfers with one additional sponsorship available with a foursome. An additional game was added for the reception. The outing is on target to net revenue consistent with prior years events.
- **Wayfinding Sign Project.** Kathy showed the board a sample map from the Quinlan Preserve in New Britain Borough. The same sign designer is working on the Central Park map. The map has made good progress and is acceptable. The board is in consensus with obtaining a quote for a double-sided map in one location at Central Park, in the approximate amount of \$3,000 to be allocated from the 2024 budget.
- **DecemberFest (Santa).** The event is scheduled to be held on December 14, 2024. Blythe Kelly, Kathy Brown and Kellie McGowan will schedule the first subcommittee meeting before the next meeting and update the board on plans for the event.

P&R Director's Report:

- Food Truck Festival was discussed, which is scheduled for Sunday, September 22. Event runs from 1pm – 5pm. Volunteers are not needed for the event, but presence was encouraged. The capital campaign will also be in attendance with a table.
- Cortnie advised that there will be gingerbread house competition for Township residents on December 9th. Houses will be made off-site and dropped off to the Township building, where they will be on display in the meeting room. Winners will be voted by the public.
- All fields will be closed for turf treatments for a couple of days in September.
- Park and Rec team has been discussing a community open house for the new community center once it opens to encourage new uses and users for the facility. Vendors and stakeholders will be invited. The Parks and Rec board is encouraged to participate.

Visitor Comments.

- Abbie Simon commented that she appreciates the moving parts of the Township and the work that everyone does in the Township and would look forward to participating.

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm on a motion by Kathy Brown with a second by Kellie McGowan. All in Favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kellie McGowan
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____