



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: July 14, 2026

A meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at the Doylestown Township Administrative Building, Caucus Room.

- In attendance: Blythe Kelly, Don Borden, Kellie McGowan, Paul DiNella, Jim Plummer, Joe Salvati, Kathy Brown, Cortnie Jones, Parks and Recreation Director
- Absent: Barbara Lyons, Board of Supervisors Liaison
- Guests: Stephanie Mason, Township Manager, Dave Tomko, Township Public
- Visitors: Garrett, Township intern

Meeting Notes.

- Approval of the Tuesday June 9, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion to approve made by Paul DiNella, second by Jim Plummer. All in favor, minutes approved 5-0. Kathy Brown and Joe Salvati abstain.

Correspondence/Attachments. None.

Plans. None.

New Business.

- Park Improvement Project. Dave Tomko explained that the Township made interest on the bond issue as a result of the timing, in an amount of \$1.3m, and is now looking into park improvement projects for use of the funds. Staff prioritized projects with the operations department and parks and recreation department and created a list of potential projects. All funds must be spent by June 2028. Recommendations will be provided to the Board by Township staff in consultation with the Township boards. Timing of projects is likely as soon as feasible. The Board reviewed and considered the list of projects throughout five of the Township parks. Township engineer has provided cost estimates for many of the projects, but those estimates will need to be updated. Board members asked questions about each item.

The Board expressed particular support for the full bathroom remodel at Central Park Pavillion #1; the Sauerman Park improvements; added camera(s) to Bridge Point Park.

Kathy Brown raised the additional item of a connecting trail at the New Britain Road section of Central Park.

Don Borden asked about the scope of the branding and universal park signage line item. The Board discussed a potential digital sign at various locations.

Old Business.

- Ash Way Discussion. No discussion at this time.

Subcommittee Reports.

- Wayfinding Signs. Kathy Brown thanked the Township staff for their assistance and expressed appreciation for the patience throughout the process as the temporary sign is being finalized. The installation is expected during the week of July 13th.
- Golf Committee. Kellie McGowan provided an update on the status of sponsorships and golfers, advising that the subcommittee is pleased with the progress to date. Additional golfers are needed. The Board was reminded to mark their calendars for participation at the event.

Member Comments.

- Kathy Brown again expressed appreciation for the wayfinding sign process, and applauded the Township on the maintenance of the Township parks in the heat
- Paul DiNella asked whether there are plans for modernization of the distribution of the parks and recreation guide with movement away from direct mailing.
- Joe Salvati complimented the park and recreation department on the distribution of digital information.
- Blythe Kelly shared a note of thanks sent by Karen Sweeney to the Board.
- Stephanie Mason commented on the success of the concert series thus far and the amazing work of the park and recreation department staff.

Staff Reports: Cortnie reported the following:

- Bird sign has been installed in Central Park.
- Wayfinding sign installed in Central Park by end of week
- Dog park orientation. Parks & Recreation Intern, Anthony, recently presented his recommendations for transitioning the Dog Park Orientation to an online, on-demand format. Offering the orientation on demand, rather than once a month in person, will make the program more accessible and encourage additional dog park memberships. I'm meeting with the Dog Park Orientation (DPO) volunteers in September to discuss the transition, with the goal of launching the online orientation in January.
- Jim Plummer's idea of court equipment rental at the CRC has been implemented. Thank you to Jim for the suggestion to create an equipment rental program for the outdoor courts. It was an easy initiative to implement using equipment we already had available. Included in your packet is an overview of how the new Equipment Rental Program will operate.
- Concert series is going great, with strong attendance and community participation.
- Night Out is upcoming and park and recreation board members will be volunteering
- The Fall Program Guide is scheduled to be mailed to residents in mid-August. At the same time, staff will begin preparing the Winter/Spring Program Guide, ensuring we stay ahead of our programming schedule.
- Program Spotlight: "Penn Medicine Partnership". Our partnership with Penn Medicine continues to provide valuable health and wellness programming for the community. Each month, Penn Medicine offers a free health education seminar on a variety of wellness topics, followed by Walk with a Doc, where participants enjoy a group walk after learning about cardiovascular health and healthy living.
- Penn Medicine also provides balance workshops and assessments to help reduce fall risks and improve mobility. In addition, the Community Recreation Center hosts their monthly Memory Café, a welcoming program for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Each session offers meaningful activities, social interaction, and support for participants and caregivers. Last month's group enjoyed making ice cream sundaes together.

Visitor Comment. None.

***Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm on a motion by Joe Salvati with a second by Don Borden. All in Favor, motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kellie McGowan
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

Approved: _____