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Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, February 4, 2014

7:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

I. 4:00 PM PENSION MEETING

II. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Vice Chairman; Richard F. Colello, Supervisors; Ken L. Snyder and Shawn Touhill.

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffrey P. Garton and Chief of Police; A. Dean Logan.

Absent: Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons and Supervisor; Ryan Manion

Absent: Township Engineer; Mario Canales

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Presentation -Neshaminy Greenway Trail – P. Gordon, BC Planning Commission

Bucks County Planning Commission's Environmental Planner (BCPC); Paul W. Gordon presented the Board with an overview of the Trophy Abilities Study for Upper Neshaminy Creek. The idea was first created by Bucks County Parks Board in 1955 as a linear park system along the Neshaminy area. In 1974\1986 the county reaffirmed its commemorative linear park's concept as Bucks County Park and Recreation plan. In 1989 after the Dark Hollow Dam plan was abandoned, the County dedicated its Dark Hollow County Park. In 2003\2004 the Watershed River Conservation plans for upper, middle and lower Neshaminy also recommended the establishment of a trail system along the creek. In 2004 the Neshaminy Creek was identified as an open space priority land and the regional green space priority project by the Greenspace Alliance. In 2005 the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for the Delaware Valley area identified the Neshaminy Creek Greenway as part of the 2030 Greenspace network. In 2011, the County adopted the Open Space Greenway plan, which identifies 27 different greenway corridors through the county, including the Neshaminy Greenway. In 2012, the County adopted the Bucks County Bicycle Master Plan with the Neshaminy Creek as a key component. In 2013, the BCPC asked many residents what they wanted for the Parks and Recreation system. Bikes lanes and paths were a majority vote at 54% and trails at 65%.

Upon the results, the County applied for various funding sources to conduct the trophy ability studies for different creek segments. The Neshaminy Creek Greenway system was funded by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Regional trails program through the William Penn Foundation. Other funding resources came from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Coastal Zone Management Program, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Department of Community and Economic Development through the

Marcellus Shale 2013 funding. All funding received totals \$154,000 and completes the trophy abilities work for the Neshaminy. Match for all funding is devised in staff time and not by funds being outlaid.

Mr. Gordon reported on the status of the projects by indicating the county did not need to apply for additional grant funding for a segment of the Neshaminy Creek trail since Bensalem Township previously received funding and completed all trophy ability work for this area. Upper Neshaminy Feasibility study incumbencies seven different municipalities (Doylestown, Buckingham, Warwick, New Britain Township, Wrightstown, Chalfont and New Britain Borough). It's county owned land at 9.5 miles with 8 municipal parks. There are very heavily sloped areas with overhanging rock cliffs along Doylestown Central Park, Delaware Valley College and the Eight Arch Bridge.

Mr. Gordon then provided an outline of the proposed trail routing, which is broken up into six segments with the first beginning at Twin Stream Park in Chalfont and run through the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve in New Britain Borough. Mr. Gordon noted there is a proposal to connect through the New Britain Train Station, where easement acquisition work is underway. The existing right of way along Bristol Road will be used as a back up if the train station route falls through.

Segment two begins at the Route 202 Parkway and continue onto Lower State Road near the White Eagle Lab development. The goal is to connect onto Central Park in Doylestown which has become a challenge. From the island near Cory Road intersection, there are three proposed routes. The first will be to connect from a path off the Public Training Center. The second is off Bridge Point Park towards old Edison Furlong Bridge.

Segment three will run behind Easton Road north of the Neshaminy Creek Bridge. However, private easements pose a challenge coming off Easton Road.

Segment four will begin at Easton Road off Route 611 towards York Road off Route 263. It will begin on county land along the northern side of the creek towards Valley Road. On Valley Road pedestrians will pass a pond and cross the Neshaminy in order to access New County park facilities. A proposed fishing pier, picnic area, restroom facilities and site for canoeing and kayaking are in the works. Connector trails are also proposed along Valley Road towards Pebble Hill Road. The second connector trail is proposed from land owned by Heritage Conservancy towards the Village of Buckingham. Many residents have asked to connect through the Middle Bucks of Technology, but with various private owned streets it may be difficult. However, with the recent improvements announced along Route 263, residents will be able to access a trail along Mill Road that will connect to a trail near the school.

Segment five will begin at York Road off Route 263 towards Dark Hallow Road. Beginning at Mill Road there are another three routing options. The first will begin on county land near Heritage Conservancy into an existing trail system towards the Estates at Dark Hallow. The second and third options provide great connectivity. There is a challenge with Heritage Conservancy owned parcel to obtain an easement, which is currently under discussions. Although it's dead end road, the BCPC is trying to minimize on road segments as much as possible for safety. Unfortunately, the right of way is not contiguous of having a trail. The second option will continue onto Meetinghouse Road and the third will continue toward the Hampton Chase community near Dark Hallow Road. Once on Dark Hallow Road, another

challenge was to connect onto the Gin Mill campus of Delaware Valley College. Due to easement terms regarding the Warwick Foundation, trails are not allowed on the property. These properties are currently preserved for agricultural purposes. The solution was to route the pedestrians on Dark Hallow Road towards the Heritage Conservancy easement near the Neshaminy Creek, where a hiking trail can be found off Rushland Jamison Road. The hope is to allow a connection off Hill Road onto a 500 foot segment towards Wilkinson Road, where pedestrian can walk on an easement from Delaware Valley College.

Segment six will begin on Wilkinson Road on a heavy canopy and right of way with no private easements. The trail will continue towards Sagepoint Road onto the County's park facilities toward Neshaminy.

Mr. Gordon concluded by reporting on his Tuesday, January 28th presentation at Doylestown Library, the response was much supported. All information regarding the trail system can be found on the Bucks County Planning Commission's website at <http://www.buckscounty.org/docs/planning-commission/upperneshaminycreektrailproposal.pdf?sfvrsn=4>.

Open Space Committee Annual Report - Chairman Dr. Joshua Feldstein

Members are Tom Kelso; Vice Chairman, Jeffrey Fehr, Don Richardson, Staff Liaison; Stephanie Mason, Allison Hamilton, and Board Liaison; Barbara Lyons.

Dr. Feldstein reported Doylestown Township currently has approximately 17,700 residents where 15.54 square miles are occupied, which represents 9,945.6 in total acreage. 739.8992 acres were donated as gifts. Delaware Valley College preserved 233 acres and 305.6 by a portion of Pine Run to total 1,278.5492 acres or 12.855%. The committee has made every effort to preserve all open space possible. The number of acreage remaining is very minimal. The committee has only spent 50% of the Bucks County's \$620,408.00 allotment. There is a 25% additional match which should come from the township. However, the committee never asked the township to allocate the money. Doylestown Township is the only community able to convince and educate residents to donate land, without the match.

Dr. Feldstein concluded by reporting Doylestown Central Park consists of 100 acres available for the benefit and pleasure of residents. In comparison, New York's Central Park consists of 843 acres, which is 8.5% bigger and testifies how Doylestown accomplishes something extra ordinary to offer something wonderful.

Acreage is becoming limited and Dr. Feldstein urged residents who own more than ten acres to donate a portion to the township or contact the township to provide names of any residents with large properties.

- C. Visitors/Public Comments
No comments

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00PM

- B. The Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2014 in observance of Presidents' Day
- C. Ski Tickets are now available. Please contact the Administration Offices to purchase.

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL – Regular Meeting - January 28, 2014

The January 28, 2014 Board of Supervisors Regular meeting minutes were tabled until the next schedule meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

V. REPORTS

- A. Solicitor
No Report
- B. Police Chief
No Report
- C. Township Engineer
No Report
- D. Manager - Training Requests

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve Ms. Mason attend with an overnight stay, the March 19th through 21st 32nd Annual Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service conference in State College, PA in the amount of \$505.00. Also, the May 20th through 22nd 66th Annual Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management conference in Farmington, PA in the amount of \$668.00.

Further, the Board approves Director of Parks and Recreation; Karen Sweeney to attend with an overnight stay the March 23rd through 26th Annual Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society conference in the amount of \$1,100.00

MOTION CARRIED 3 to 0.

- E. Supervisors

Mr. Snyder reported the police and non-uniform pension plan were recently audited with no findings. He congratulated Ms. Mason and Finance Director; Ken Wallace on a job well done.

Mr. Touhill complimented the Roads Department with their excellent job on road clearing during numerous snow storms.

Mr. Colello encouraged all residents to sign up for Township's Google alerts to obtain the most updated information, such as emergency, traffic and weather. Sign up information can be found at www.doylestownpa.org or by contacting the Administrative offices. He then announced Assistant Township Manager; Sandra Zadell recently placed her resignation and will be leaving her position after tonight's meeting. Mr. Colello thanked Sandra for all of her contributions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Exonerate Tax Collector

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors

exonerate the Township's Tax Collector from unpaid 2013 real estate taxes and relinquish the amount of \$20,386.17 to the Tax Claim Bureau.

MOTION CARRIED 3 to 0.

B. 2014 Trash Haulers Permits

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors award the 2014 Trash Hauler Permits to collect solid waste and recyclable in Doylestown Township for both residential and commercial services to the following companies...

- 1) Republic Waste Services, Telford PA
- 2) George Leck & Sons of Ivyland, PA
- 3) Advanced Disposal Services of Skippack, PA
- 4) Waste Management of Indian Valley of Telford, PA
- 5) Tinari Container (Construction and demolition materials only) of Southampton, PA
- 6) Sustainable Waste Solutions of Souderton, PA
- 7) JP Mascaro & Sons of Souderton, PA

MOTION CARRIED 3 to 0.

C. Land Development – Getzberger Tract Sketch Plan

Mr. Garton reported when a sketch plan is discussed with the Board of Supervisors, no approvals will be granted. The purpose of Mr. Zaveta's presentation is to receive Board's feedback before moving forward with the land development process.

Owner of Zaveta Custom Homes; Richard D. Zaveta presented the Board with a sketch plan for the proposed development of six dwelling units along Lower State Road on 3 acres adjacent to the Lakeview facilities in Doylestown. Mr. Zaveta is currently undergoing a due diligence process where he would like to begin the land development process shortly. He recently met with township staff and the Doylestown Township Planning Commission to receive their recommendations regarding the plan's objective. Currently the property consists of four structures to include a spring house, an existing home dated 1920 with many additions and wings, a dentist office and a barn. The dentist office will be demolished and the spring house, existing home and barn are proposed to be renovated and refurbished as residential homes.

In addition, four new homes are proposed to be built for a total of six homes under a RB2 Use (single family detached). Parking is needed to be planned for a successful community. Two car garages will be constructed for each unit with a connector in the form of a corridor between the homes that will be fully covered and enclosed. The concept of the overall site will be high end, architecturally plausible, correct houses with a very interesting feel on a single cul-de-sac. Due to the completion of the Lakeview community, the roads have been improved with curbing, sidewalks, street widening and storm water managed completed. A full specification with an entrance road at 26 feet with a full side walk loop is proposed. Little to no relief will be requested where Gilmore & Associates engineer; Greg Glitzer was presented to answer any questions.

Mr. Snyder questioned how much open space per lot will be provided. Mr. Glitzer answered; 20% open space and 40% of imperious surface is allowed for 5,000 square foot lots as per township's zoning requirements. However, the units will be considered a twin under the B2 Use District. It's the intention to create a condo association for ownership and delineate the lots for zoning compliance. Mr. Glitzer believes currently zoning is fully compliant and the setback from Lower State Road is governed by the township's collector roads setbacks at 65 feet. The minimum is required to the ultimate right of way line of Lower State Road.

Mr. Glitzer then explained the B2 Use is by-right in the R4 zone. There is also a certain amount of natural resources and slopes with wetlands along the spring house. Upon reviewing the net build able site

area calculations then applying the allowable density for use, 12 dwelling units are allowed. The result is a much higher density use than the site can support, but it's a good benchmark for a full by-right plan. The plan is proposing six dwelling to include four new homes with one considered reuse and the second a renovation. Storm water management will be located in the rain garden with a central bulb. Upon a recent meeting with the Doylestown Township Planning Commission, their comments will be incorporated into the revised plans. A supplemental storm water management system will be located in the rear of the property. A drainage issue recognized by Township Manager; Stephanie Mason will be addressed upon beginning the detailed engineering process. While the site is compliant with by-right zoning, no need for variances is required. However, a relief of the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) is requested for a design modification to the cul-de-sac bulb geometry. The request will be to shorten the bulb radius diameter by ten feet. Currently the bulb diameter is at 120 feet, which is large and forces the units out to the parameter. It impacts the entire look of the site and places it at a closer proximity to less desirable features that will be buffered.

Mr. Touhill questioned if input will be requested from the township's fire department regarding the waiver request. Mr. Glitzer indicated the cart-way width will be compliant. It will be the outer diameter of the loop that will be needing relief. However, Mr. Glitzer agreed to show emergency services all materials needed and discuss continuous driveway depressions that provide a substantial amount of hard-scaping.

Mr. Touhill then questioned if more relief will be needed if the site goes to full density at 12 dwellings. Mr. Glitzer explained the site will change to a duplex type of twin use. A loose attachment is currently used where the garages have an attachment. Mr. Zaveta added he would prefer to work within the original structures where each home will be approximately 3,300 square feet on both original structures. The three story homes will also have steep roofs, vertical architecture and elevators inside.

Public Comments:

Resident; Ray Hendricks of 685 Spring Valley Road questioned what prices will the new homes be listed at. Mr. Zaveta answered; although the full budgets have not been received, the homes are estimated to begin at a starting price of one million dollars.

Chief Logan questioned with the reduction in the bulb, can an emergency vehicle successfully loop the bulb without going into a resident's property. Mr. Glitzer answered; the emergency vehicle will stay in the right of way. Upon approaching the curb line, there is a continuous depression as a concrete apron for the driveways. If a vehicle cannot make the loop, the driveways will be extended to provide a hard surface to make up the difference in the pavements, not the right of way. Chief Logan's concern if there is enough room for emergency vehicle's stabilizing pads to be placed, which is wider than the width of the vehicle. He suggested reaching out to the fire department for further discussion. Mr. Glitzer agreed.

D. Bills List – February 4, 2014

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor approve the February 4, 2014 Bill's List in the amount of \$70,887.39.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3 to 0.

VII. BOARD & COMMISSIONS PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentations

Ways and Means Committee

Member; Lee Schwarz reported the purpose of the committee is to act as an advisory council and provide information and ideas to assist the Board and township staff in making the best possible decisions, as well as safe guard the financial condition of the township. The committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Mr. Schwarz invited anyone interested to join in and share their ideas. Special

Budget Sessions run from September through November.

2013 went smoothly with analytical tools, data quality and the financial reporting were timely and more usable. A highlight was the formal budget presentation, where the Township and Finance managers spearheaded the creation of the budget from comments of the committee to streamline the process. The last projections show a workable budget without shortfall into 2018.

In 2014, the objective is to document the standard operating procedures for the budget model, assist in documenting the capital project prioritization, recommend process to track progress and allocate funds to approve projects that overlap budget years. Help optimize project completions when needed at best cost by balancing the internal capacity and outsourcing when the Board sees fit. Publish three to the five meaningful charts that provide citizens periodic shots of how the township is doing. Explore economically financing options for large capital projects and optimize the use of the debt service fund. Minimize the impact of the affordable care act for healthcare costs. The committee currently has two vacancies.

Traffic Advisory Council

Chairman; Mark Shiner reported the committee is devised of eight members, based on district with eight voting members. Kevin Green is the newest member and Chief Logan as Liaison. Mr. Shiner thanked Chief Logan for his input as a valuable member.

In 2013, every month traffic statistic were reviewed to determine actions. Guidelines were developed to determine when action is needed on a speeding issue. A web form was created online to receive letters and emails reporting concerns. However the best way to report a concern is face to face. New development plans were reviewed regarding any traffic concerns. Mr. Shiner informed the Board of an important issue with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot) slow response time.

In 2014, statistics will continue to be monitored where they are produced monthly by Doylestown Township Police Department staff. Concerns of traffic pattern changes introduced by the Route 611 Parkway will be reviewed closely, where some of the signals may need some changes. The adaptive lighting project will begin and hopefully completed by 2015.

Mr. Snyder questioned if the committee has any information available on the website. Mr. Shiner answered; the committee posted a brochure on traffic calming. The statistics will most likely not be published, due to amount of information. However, Mr. Shiner will consider publishing additional information.

Chief Logan added; if anyone is aware of individual violators, the police department should be contacted. The main objective of the Traffic Advisory committee is to respond to a number of complaints in an individual area that perceives an individual problem or general safety hazard, such as street lights not working properly.

Telecommunication Advisory Board (TAB)

Chairman; Ed Edenbach reported the mission of the board has moved from focusing on cable franchise negotiations and monitoring the cable providers to becoming advisors to the Board and staff regarding more general communications matters, such as television and social media. Members of the Board are Ed Edenbach, Joe Salvati, Kurt Krause with Ken Snyder as Board Liaison. Ashley Thompson is the newest staff who began her duties upon Sandra Zadell's resignation. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30pm, where anyone interested is welcome to attend.

In 2013, completing franchise renewal with progress, performed a study on social media, developed a long range plan consisting of replacement of existing equipment by 2018/2019 to high definition. For programming, since 2004 the programming has grown 50%. The goal is to add more programming by higher than 45% by adding individual programs. Web streaming has grown by 12%, mobile device

access has doubled from 2012 to 2013, video replays are now from 20 to 100 visits per meeting and agenda (minutes) at 70. The Board also assisted the township deploy the website by installing various equipment to include a wireless system.

In 2014, programming will continue by adding more programs from other Boards and Commissions as well as the Planning Commission. A helmet camera may be incorporated with programs, such as recording activities in Kid Castle. A metric programming system will be placed to measure how much programming is being aired, complete the Comcast franchise renewal negotiations by March, expansion of the social media footprint. Upon several request, the Board will explore options of accessing residents participations by phone, email or Twitter. Improve backroom procedures by preparing meeting documentations, improve projection clarity and upgrade video and lighting. Update mission statement and emergency management technical programs.

Public Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA)

Chairman; Ed Harvey reported the mission of the Authority is to review all the un-sewered areas of the township.

In 2013, the main focus was the Pebble Ridge and Pebble Wood areas. The township recently received approval from DEP for the 3M Planning Module regarding the Pebble Ridge area, where a pipe will be installed along the streets. The 3M component planning module was prepared by Eric Janetka from CKS Engineering.

In 2014, the Authority will be working on the process with township staff to the complete the project. Reviewing other areas in the township, specifically the east side of Route 611 where we have observed problems and to receive information on soils.

The Authority meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:00pm. There are 10 members with Rick Colello as the Board Liaison. Mr. Harvey concluded by inviting any residents interested to attend.

Planning Commission

Members are Chair; Judy Hendrixson, Vice Chairman; Tom Kelso, Members; George Lowenstein, Ed Redfield with Rick Colello as Board Liaison and Judith Stern Goldstein as Planning Consultant. The newest member of the commission is Ed Harvey. Meetings are held every 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

Ms. Hendrixson reported, the commission serves as an advisory board reviewing continuing and ongoing land development projects and work closely with the community, Boards and Commissions and the Bucks County Planning Commission. The commission also encourages more efficient energy use and development linked to open space and good circulation throughout the community with continued expansion of the Bike and Hike network.

In 2013, projects reviewed were the Delaware Valley College's proposed track expansion, lighting of the football field and Life Science Building, preliminary and minor subdivision plans for two new homes by Hallmark Building Group, Goetzberger Tract's sketch plans and assisted with the Pebble Ridge /Woodridge sewerage planning module. The commission has re-evaluated their procedures by re-navigating the approval process and updating the zoning maps and street hierarchy ordinance recently adopted. Video presentation for the TAB Board.

In 2014, projects anticipated to be reviewed are Blueberry Hill, Pavilion at Furlong, Penn Color and the Edison Quarry property. Ms. Hendrixson encouraged any residents to attend the meeting to where at times the Commission reviews out of the ordinary projects, such as Hot Air Balloons.

Parks and Recreation Board

Vice Chairperson; Kathy Brown reported the Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm

with Chairman; John Bray. Members are Jan Sussesnguth, Blythe Kelly, Paul DiNella, Susan Reichman, Elaine Carlson, Emily Rehmert with Shawn Touhill as Board Liaison.

In 2013, the Game Grove and Life Trail Station have been completed, assisting with Kid Castle and the future Sensory Enrichment Trail.

In 2014, plans will continue to support the ongoing construction of the Sensory Trail and secure donors for pods to be installed along the trail, replacement of the show mobile, exploring need for a performing arts structure, collaboration with Kids Castle Committee as they move forward with the next phase of renovations. Needs assessment in the parks system by visiting each of the parks is planned. Provide each supervisor with a comprehensive and master plan for Central Park.

Ms. Brown concluded by complimented Mr. John and the Roads department for a wonderful job in clearing the trails along the parks.

Doylestown Township Municipal Authority

Richard John reported the Authority is chaired by various residents to the township. Chairman is Ron May, Vice Chairman; Ed Harvey, Members; Edward Hege, Frank LaRosa, Richard Bach, Alfred Ciottoni, Richard Magee, Donna Jacobini with Rick Colello as Board Liaison.

The Authority was created in 1976 to solve a sewer issue in the Cross Keys area where 25 years later they assisted with a contaminated water issue in the same area. The water issue to resolve with the assistance of grant fund obtained in the amount of 2.6 million dollars in the past few years. Mr. John proudly has been a member of the Authority since 1988. The Authority tries to extend water mains throughout the township and install approximately 50 to 60 miles of water main and foster a spirit of cooperation between with interconnection to assist shortages and daily water demand along Warrington, New Britain, Plumstead, Buckingham and Doylestown Borough.

In 2013, a 25 year agreement with the Borough was updated to provide water for the both Doylestown Township and Borough.

In 2014, plans to move ahead with restructuring and rebuilding its central booster station, which is the main bumping system providing water to Doylestown Hospital. Will continue to add new customers to the current 2,500 retail serviced. Selling water wholesale to each municipality. The Authority pumps 900,000 to 1 million gallons of water per day and maintains over 50 miles of water main, over 500 fire hydrants and has multiple facilities. Mr. John concluded the Authority will also research ways to improve.

Friends of Kid Castle

Members of the Board are Chairperson: Rachel Ford, Vice Chairman; Joe Salvati, Jon Biedermann with Ryan Manion as Board Liaison. The Committee is currently looking to fill two vacancies and volunteers. Meeting are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

In 2013, the main project was the Save Kid Castle project where over \$150,000 in donations, fund raising and in kind services were received. The successful art program refurbished many of the pieces of the castle that will be reinstalled when the castle is finished. A mural arts program was established. Completion of the installation of the art pieces is anticipated in the spring of 2014. The Save Kid Castle Brick by Brick program was also successful, which offers any residents to purchase a personalized brick to be placed on the castle. Many fundraising events were scheduled for the castle that ended with a well-attended ribbon cutting. Ms. Ford ended the 2013 report with a brief video of the Save Kid Castle program progress.

In 2014, phase two preliminary plans is scheduled for the Kingdom portion located on the right side of the castle, climbers, swings and the commitment of a pirate ship is in the works. With a recent \$10,000

donated by Doylestown Hospital provided at total of \$20,000 towards assisting in the completion of phase two and a volunteer base. A plan to define the scope of planning is scheduled for phase two beginning with the playground. Fundraising will continue by recruiting more volunteers. Ms. Ford concluded by reminding everyone the committee is searching for committee members and volunteers.

Ms. Hendrixson requested to define the mural arts program. Ms. Ford answered; the program is for the castle and was design to solicit donations and compensate for in kind services. Different size murals are being custom made by artist through the community in conjunction with local businesses.

Mr. Snyder questioned what is the committee's coordination with the Parks and Recreation Board if they are looking for other activities in Central Park. Ms. Ford clarified; around the actual castle and inside the fence is the scope. The committee is looking to place more equipment inside the castle, such as swings, climbing features and accessible equipment.

Environmental Advisory Committee

Members are Chairman; Ray Hendrick, Vice Chairman; Don Richardson, Sean Sablosky, Jeannine Mitchell, William Lloyd with Ken Snyder as Board Liaison. Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

In 2013, the committee was instrumental in reviewing several development plans with Blueberry Hill and Hallmark Building Group. The annual EAC Summit meeting was very positive. Many successful programs, such as Bird Walks and introduction of trees and shrubs were held. The program to identify the sensitive areas along the park for birds and plants, such as the posting of signs alerting the public of wildlife nesting areas for endangered birds is underway. The Blue Box nesting bird program installed 42 boxes along the Route 202 Parkway and Central Park. The Leaf and Yard Waste drop off program held on the 3rd Saturday from March through September had another successful year. After four years the Single Trash Hauler program was presented to the Board. Membership for the Audubon Bird Town is an active participant in the township, county and state program to establish Doylestown Township as a bird town area.

In 2014, the Demonstration Garden program will begin in March to create a native plant, trees and shrub along Central Park. Mr. Hendricks thanked Ms. Mason, Sandra Zadell, Mr. John and the residents and township staff for their cooperation.

Friends of Doylestown Dog Park Advisory Committee

Members are Chairperson; Kathy Brown, Ada Popek, Helen Neuman, Greg Hayes (non-voting member), Caitlin Kaucsan and Melissa Russell. Meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

Mr. Brown reported the mission of the committee is to education the public, support the dog park and its members while keeping a safe operation. They also encourage communication with all involved with the dog park.

In 2013, Friends of Doylestown Dog Park committee raised funds for the dog park and now it's part of the park's system. It's important to the Advisory Committee to work closely with Friends of Doylestown Dog Park. No goals have been established to date due to the committee only meeting when needed. To date, no dog related incident was recorded. Ms. Brown commended the orientation program and a pivotal reason for the success of the park with 500 dogs currently registered. All information regarding the dog park can be found on the township's Park and Recreation website, including the orientation program, membership application and to visit the Dog Park's website and Facebook pages. Ms. Brown concluded she is very happy on how the park is progressing and anticipates continued success.

Mr. Snyder questioned during peak weeks, how many dogs can the park hold. Ms. Brown answered; the park schedules different category of dogs, such as "Yappy Hour" for small dogs, where approximately 20 attend between 3:30pm and 5:00pm every day. The large dog park area also normally has 20 dogs enjoy

the park at one time. However, owners normally self-regulate their dog time. If they see the park becoming too crowded, they will leave and come back at another time. Ms. Mason added the park is open from sun up to sun down and there is plenty of time throughout the day for dogs to enjoy the park. Ms. Brown noted that a group of members created the "Golden hour" at the park, where retrievers are enjoying their time together. Also, the township is assisting with the maintenance of the park and membership is increasing. All information is also located in the orientation manual.

Bike and Hike Committee

Members are Chair; Lynn Goldman, Vice Chair; Tom Kelso, Dick Paterson, Judy Hendrixson, Clorece Kulp, Amy Mazzanti, Stephanie Mason (township manager), Phil Elingher (Assistant Borough Manager), Andy Clark, Eric Cutting, Bruce Hochman with Shawn Touhill as Board Liaison.

Mr. Paterson reported the Bike and Hike Committee was formed 24 years ago by a group of people headed by Lynn Goldman who were very concerned about the Route 611 Bypass cutting off the Borough from the Township. They devised the idea to connect the boroughs through trails so residents can walk and ride bikes safely.

In 2014, Destination Peace Valley will be underway due to a \$200,000 matching grant. The trail will begin at Iron Hill Road and end in New Britain Borough. The trail is due to be completed by the end of 2014. In the future, there will be a trail that will run across Ferry Road towards Peace Valley Park in New Britain Township. Phase I construction of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail is scheduled to begin due to a \$130,000 DVRC and Open Space grants received. The trail will begin at the portion of the Route 202 Parkway that goes over the Neshaminy and end at a forest land owned by Chalfont New Britain Township Joint Sewer Authority.

Phase III of the Neshaminy Greenway trail will begin due to a proposal received by Chalfont on behalf of the committee Doylestown Township and New Britain Township., New Britain Borough, Chalfont Borough. Each of the four municipalities is matching the \$180,000 grant received from DVRPC, which totals \$240,000. However, Phase III is currently in the planning stage.

A \$10,000 grant received from PECO and will go towards establishing a Kiosk to be installed at the intersection of the Route 202 Parkway and Lower State Road to become the main source of information for the trails.

While showing slides of various proposed trails, Mr. Patterson reported Ms. Hendrixson is currently working with neighbors along Beulah Cemetery to connect a trail towards the New Britain Train Station. Also, the committee will be applying for more grants for connections to include, from Upper State Road towards the New Britain Train Station and from the YMCA to Wells Road.

Mr. Paterson explained the two reasons why the committee is successful. The first is the partnership with multi-municipalities, the state and other organizations. The second is success with building trails, which is the reason why so many grants were awarded. He then showcased several pictures of the trail which included the celebration for the opening of the Route 202 Parkway from last year. Special benches are available to be placed along the trails and made available by donation. Art work is also available and has been placed along the overpasses of the parkway. A bike ride event is scheduled for the fall as a fundraiser. It will consist of a 10 and 30 mile ride to serve as an introduction to all available trails.

Mr. Paterson concluded by informing the committee meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:00am and encouraged anyone interested to attend and use the trails.

Ms. Hendrixson commended the committee is well represented by the whole area to include Doylestown Borough, New Britain Borough New Britain Township and Chalfont. Mr. Paterson added a representative from Buckingham and Warrington also has attended meetings.

Mr. Snyder questioned how many miles will the three extended projects add to the existing trails. Mr. Paterson answered; the 24 miles of trails does not include the parkway, which adds and additional nine miles. He added, the length of the parkway is not important as much as the connectivity, which makes more sense.

Mr. John commented that the new trail should add another five miles to the overall system.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00PM
- B. The Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2014 in observance of Presidents' Day
- C. Ski Tickets are now available. Please contact the Administration Offices to purchase.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The February 4, 2014 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary