



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes – April 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Kathy Brown, Don Feldscher, Allison Hamilton, Susan Reichwein, Barbara Eisenhardt, Rick Collello and Karen Sweeney
- Absent: Don Borden, Daniel Ring
- Guests: N/A

Meeting Notes:

October 19, 2010 meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Feldscher and second by Ms. Reichwein

Guests: N/A

Correspondence:

Mr. Bray noted that the Park and Recreation Department was the recipient of two *Excellence in Programming Awards* for "Howl-O-Ween" and "Harry Potter's Mystical Wizarding Tour". The board members expressed their enthusiasm and congratulated Ms. Sweeney and Ms. Thompson for their hard work.

Plan Review:

Mr. Bray noted that a Revised Preliminary Land Development Plan had been received relative to the Neamand Tract. He further noted that he did not see anything new relative to parks and recreation but suggested that Mr. Borden review the plans and report back to the board with his comments. The board members concurred.

Ongoing Business:

Sensory Enrichment Trail: Ms. Sweeney reported that the initial meeting to discuss the feasibility of developing an all-inclusive Sensory Enrichment Trail had been set for May 16th at 6:00 p.m. The board members reiterated their enthusiasm for this project.

Dog Park: Ms. Brown reported that the FDDP presentation to the Board of Supervisors went very well and that the FDDP was preparing to both post the sign at the Dog Park location as well as begin the Fundraising Campaign. Ms. Brown reported that fundraising to date has generated \$75,000 toward the project. The board members were enthusiastic and congratulated Ms. Brown and the FDDP for their efforts.

Game Grove: Mr. Bray noted that he was looking forward to the receipt and planting of the trees from the Apostolic Church on April 30th. He further suggested that the furniture items (game tables and benches need to be finalized so that they can begin fund raising for the items. Mr. Bray indicated that he liked Ms. Sweeney's idea of creating a Gift Catalog.

Mr. Bray noted that he planned to speak with Mr. Jon regarding the status of paving the pathway through the Game Grove. He also proposed the idea of coordinating a joint effort with the Borough. The other board liked the idea and Mr. Bray said he would follow up with Mr. John.

Ms. Eisenhardt suggested that the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors make a definite effort going forward to keep an eye towards future opportunity such as was presented

when the Apostolic Church.

Monthly Park Visits: No Discussion

Programs/Events:

Ms. Sweeney noted that the planning and preparation for the upcoming spring/summer events was underway. She noted the need for donations of “plush” toys, baskets etc. as prizes for the egg hunt and asked the board for their assistance in securing donations. The board agreed to gather prizes.

Ms. Sweeney also requested board assistance at the upcoming events such as the Egg Hunt, Home Run Derby, Touch-A-Truck, golf outing and Bike Derby.

New Business:

Tennis/Basketball Courts: Ms. Sweeney reported that the court resurfacing project was complete and that the courts are now open.

Ms. Reichweing commented that they looked beautiful; the other members concurred.

Ms. Eisenhardt reiterated that given the efforts and expense invested in revitalizing the courts, use should be limited to the intended activities of tennis and basketball. The board members unanimously agreed.

Arbor Day: Ms. Sweeney reminded the board that the Arbor Day tree planting event was scheduled for April 30th at the Game Grove.

Environmental Education Center Dedication: Ms. Sweeney reported that the dedication of the Environmental Education Center in the name of Edgar Putman has been scheduled for Friday, May 13th. She noted invitations would be sent out once final details are in place.

Citizen Communication Award: Mr. Bray noted that the P&R Department had been selected to receive *Excellence in Programming awards* from the PA Recreation and Park Society for both the “Howl-O-Ween” and “Harry Potter” events. Mr. Bray recognized Ms. Sweeney and the P&R Department for their efforts.

Riverside Symphonia: Ms. Sweeney reported that The Riverside Symphonia, while definitely interested in holding a concert in Central Park, has decided to hold off until 2012 to allow for adequate time to coordinate the details of the event and fund raising.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Adjournment:

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm on motion by Mr. Feldscher seconded by Ms. Brown and unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted by:
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Director of Parks & Recreation

Approved: _____