



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2011

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray (Chairman), Kathy Brown (Vice Chairman), Allison Hamilton, Susan Reichwein, Board of Supervisory Liaison, Barbara Eisenhardt, Rick Colello and Stephanie Mason, Township Manager.
- Absent: Donald Borden, Don Feldscher, Dan Ring and Karen Sweeney.

Meeting Notes

August 9, 2011 no action was taken.

Correspondence

Memo from John Bray regarding the Game Grove furnishings. Mr. Bray indicated that the Game Grove furnishings have been ordered and once they are delivered Ms. Sweeney and Mr. John will decide on the appropriate mounting.

He also indicated that Mr. Ring has decided not to seek reappointment in 2012.

Dog Fancy, Dog Town recognition. There was an article in the Dog Fancy magazine indicating that Doylestown has been named a Dog Town, recognition similar to Tree City USA. Ms. Brown received kudos from the Park & Rec Board and in turn she commended Karen Sweeney for the submission of information to the magazine.

Board of Supervisors Minutes 7/19/11 Mr. Bray indicated that he had attended the meeting seeking the approval for the Game Grove which was received.

Plan Review

N/A

New Business

Sauerman Park Committee meeting this item was tabled.

Ongoing Old Business

Oktoberfest – the consensus of the Park & Rec Board was that the event was great, it was very different from what the Township's previous Oktoberfest events. It was a carnival atmosphere. Overall, everyone thought it was successful. They would recommend that the Board of Supervisors consider hosting the event again, working with Reithoffer to provide a more local flavor if they are willing to come back.

It was suggested to change the name from Oktoberfest, since the event is going to be held in the fall such as Fallfest or Fall Fair but the committee did indicate that Reithoffers did a great job, especially considering the mud; it was beautiful, cleaner and brighter than past events. Mr. Bray suggested that if it could be moved back into Central Park he would like to see that happen, however, Turk was not a bad site for the event.

Mrs. Eisenhardt commented that there was more rain in August than in any other month in years. Perhaps a better time of year weather wise should be considered. She also mentioned that currently the money received for the event has been placed in the Capital Fundraising

Fund.

Sensory Enrichment Trail

The presentation was provided October 6, 2011 and they are under review at the present time.

Dog Park Update

Ms. Brown indicated that the committee has almost reached their goal. They are only a few thousand away and are working to finalize things for a Spring 2012 opening. They have a number of contractors willing to donate their services along with equipment and it is all moving along very well. This is a true show of community effort.

Mrs. Eisnehardt congratulated the Friends of Doylestown Dog Park on being successful in a difficult economy.

Game Grove

Mr. Bray indicated that the trees are growing nicely and he is looking forward to getting the furniture delivered and laying out the paths and trail installation.

Other Business

Mrs. Reichwein mentioned the playing fields that are being installed in Central Park by JDM and that her husband is very interested in doing a community project whereby turf fields could be provided. This is a project that he may be willing to take on, she wanted to know who in the Township he should speak with and Ms. Mason indicated that Mr. John would be the best person.

Mr. Bray indicated that these projects can be very costly, but it would be very interesting to find out if there is a willingness to have something like this in the Central Bucks area. Especially, if we could see it funded as well as long term maintenance addressed.

Adjournment

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm at the call of the Chairman.