



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

### Meeting Notes – March 12, 2013

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The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Kathy Brown, Don Feldscher, Susan Reichwein, Jan Suessenguth, Blythe Kelly and Shawn Touhill
- Absent: Karen Sweeney
- Guests: Rick Colello

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The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a by Ms. Suessenguth, seconded by Mr. Feldscher

### Correspondence

Official Welcome to Blythe Kelly by John Bray and the committee who was recently appointed to the P & R Board.

EAC Memo – Improvement to the Bird Blind – was approved via the Board and John Bray stating that this has been discussed several times and there are no problems with the new viewing window for seated as well as standing bird watchers.

### Plan Review N/A

### Ongoing / Old Business

Game Grove: No new updates. John Bray stated that it is up to the Township to coordinate the completion with Concrete Delivery that will cover several projects around the park. Then the outdoor furniture can be secured in place. He feels it will be soon.

Kids Castle: It was mentioned by John Bray that the Monte Carlo Night was a successful fundraising event that was well attended.

John Bray and Shawn Touhill, BOS Liaison, discussed the progress of the castle and explained through the 3 stages of the Kids Castle project, so it was clear to the Board Members.

- Overview of Phase I – basically removing and replacing the decking – the turret roof, the entrances and exits and removal of the exterior equipment.
- Overview of Phase II – installing the new “manufactured” equipment that will be purchased and placed around the castle - as well as the art aspect of the castle. It was explained that this process requires a lot of Fundraising to pay for the new equipment needed/wanted. This is most of the effort in this Phase.
- Overview of Phase III – construction of a Bathroom and Concession Stand. This is the most problematic of the Phases...and requires considerable amount of coordination and detail. This is the phase where the committee wanted to hire someone to tie it all together, however at this point that isn't going to happen.
- Shawn stated that they have given themselves a timeframe that might be too tight with the III Phase work – but it is “their” timeframe and no one said it couldn't be changed.
- It was described that over the last month – the Kids Castle Committee has been going through some growing pains with transitioning from a Neighborhood Fund Raising Committee – to an “Official Township Committee” and incorporating all the steps and protocols that go with it.
- It was mentioned that on 5.16 at 6:30 here at the Township Building is a Committee meeting for the Kids Castle to address ongoing work through the completion of Phase 1.

Blythe asked if the Castle will re-open. John Bray stated that it was supposed to open around the 15<sup>th</sup> of June but might be extended a little further out but it will re-open shortly and that they have made tremendous progress.

Susan mentioned the Banners on the Temporary Fence surrounding the Castle and that there were many, Kathy stated that she believed there is an ordinance regarding advertising/banners within the township and that she would like to have some banners at the Dog Park. A discussion ensued and it was decided that we will visit at a later date regarding Advertising Banners around the township, and that Karen Sweeney knows the policy on these and that possibly in the future it could be amended to a "type" of decorative sign that can be purchased and put up for vendors submitting their services – or in-kind donations – but what happens at one park needs to be able to be done at ALL parks. This needs to be added to the next meeting agenda in July.

Life Trail: : In March it was decided that the curve where the statue is placed, (sack race) is the best location for the installation of the pods. As of this meeting we do not have input from the township on the arrival or installation of the pods but again it will need to be installed by the township and we do not have a designated crew for these projects so we need to rely on Dick and when his staff can work in the additional tasks.

Sensory Enrichment Trail: John Bray reported that he didn't have any new news to report on the subject and that it would need to be picked up / updated at the next meeting.

Beer & Wine Policy/Permit: John Bray asked the committee if all have read the permit, and he would like a motion to have the permit reviewed by the Solicitor to advise on the Insurance Requirement Perspective for Permit Holders – to make the permit holder accountable but still make it attainable. Motion made by Kathy Brown and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Reichwein. Approved.

Sensory Enrichment Trail: Kathy Brown mentioned that the Orientation Packet that was developed by the Committee and Karen Sweeney won an Award and that it is now being considered the standard for Dog Parks within the state of Pennsylvania, Congrats to all.

## **Other Business**

### Upcoming Events:

Jan Suessenguth mentioned the **Golf Outing June 3<sup>rd</sup>** that is right around the corner and was sure tickets are needed to be sold, and Blythe Kelly volunteered to assist all day with that event. John Bray mentioned to report at 8 AM if she could.

**June 8 – Dogs Day of Spring** - Kathy Mentioned the upcoming Dog Park event – which is an open house and could use help if any of the Board Members are available.

Mention of the **Concert Series** will be at the next meeting – where assistance will be needed at that time.

**Tennis Court Question**: Susan asked about the progress of the Tennis Court problem with the rusting in the coating. John Bray stated that nothing has been done to fix the problem and that Dick John has contacted the Vendor who re-surfaced the court and he has no updated status on the progress of fixing it.

### **Pickle Ball Court**:

Kathy Brown read about Pickle Ball and that it is the up and coming game and that several townships have courts available and that she would like one of our courts to have that available as well. A suggestion was made by Kathy - that if the Tennis Court needs to be redone, possibly they could also line it in a "different" color for pickle ball – so it will have what you need to play but not permanently change the court.

**Adjournment**

Next meeting will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> – As per the schedule there is No Meeting in June.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47

*Submitted by Jan Suessenguth, Secretary 5.15.2013*