



DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: October 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Chairman, Sue Reichwein, Jan Suessenguth, Blythe Kelly, Paul DiNella, Emily Rehmet and Karen Sweeney
- Absent: Kathy Brown, Shawn Touhill
- Guests: Rick Colello (BOS), Barbara Lyons (BOS), Joe Salvati (FKC)

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The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Kelly and second by Ms. Suessenguth

Visitors:

No Comment.

Ongoing / Old Business

Kids Castle: Mr. Salvati provided the P&R Board with a status report relative to the ongoing Kids Castle playground project. Mr. Salvati also announced the receipt of a 10K grant from the Timkin Foundation and noting that the hope is to install the 2-5 year equipment this summer (2015).

Sensory Enrichment Trail: Ms. Sweeney reported that equipment pricing had been secured and that efforts were being focused on the decking and surfacing costs. She noted that once all costs were received and compiled the true cost of each "pod" could be calculated and purchase/installation (pending any required permitting) could proceed. Ms. Sweeney also announced the receipt of a 10K grant from the VIA (Village Improvement Association) toward a "pod". The award will be presented at the annual VIA luncheon on December 2nd.

Game Grove: Ms. Sweeney reported that the trails at the game grove had just been completed and encouraged the board to visit the site.

Other Business

CP Trails: The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed trail plan as prepared by Mr. John (Director of Operations) and Mr. Canales (Township Engineer). It was noted the golf hole will be impacted by the trail work – Mr. Bray requested that recommendation to move or remove golf activities be placed on a future agenda.

Amphitheater: Ms. Sweeney reported that the amphitheater (as a result of performing arts fundraising) is included in the 2015 Capital Plan and that discussion and recommendation of the P&R Board was important. A synopsis of the discussion is included:

- Mr. Bray suggested design should be needs based and that needs should serve to determine the design rather than purchase a prefab structure under consideration.
- Ms. Reichwein inquired about previous discussions regarding terraced seating and the future of sledding on the hill.

- Mr. Bray indicated, he believed, the township engineer would likely be able to work with the existing typography and develop a design to accommodate both fixed seating and preserve sledding opportunity.
- Ms. Reichwein stated that the sledding hill and grass seating should be preserved.
- Ms. Suessenguth noted that she feels the structure under consideration meets the needs while also blending with current aesthetics and preserves the integrity of the sledding hill.
- Ms. Kelly and Ms. Reichwein noted they agreed with Ms. Suessenguth.
- Mr. Bray inquired about the storage areas shown on the diagram and if bathrooms could be incorporated. Ms. Sweeney stated the two storage areas are 9' X 20' each.
- Ms. Suessenguth stated she felt a separate bathroom structure would be better in the long run.
- Ms. Sweeney suggested that one area might be structured to serve as a "green room" for the performers and the other serve as a storage area.
- Ms. Mason and Mr. John concurred that water was available and that a sink could be incorporated into the "green room" area without much difficulty.
- Mr. Bray asked if the proposed pad could accommodate chair seating for smaller more intimate performances. Mr. John and Ms. Sweeney indicated they anticipated enough space.
- Mr. DiNella suggested consideration be given to the purchase of chairs, which could be stored at the band shell, specifically for use during such performances.
- Ms. Kelly inquired if the band shell could be used for other purposes. Ms. Sweeney, suggested that it could be rented for outside musical/theater even or even weddings, used for programs such as theater camp, lectures an/or educational programming, etc.
- Ms. Reichwein noted that she appreciated the discussion that had taken place and noted she liked the fit and aesthetics of the wooden structure and that the plan as presented meets the overall needs and preserves other activities in the park.
- Mr. Bray thanked the board for the discussion and input.

Following the discussion of both the Central Park Trails and Amphitheater (band shell), a motion was made to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to move forward with the completion of the trail system and amphitheater band shell as presented. The motion received a second from Ms. Kelly and was unanimously approved.

Administrative Offices;

Ms. Mason presented a brief update relative to current discussions regarding the renovation/building of the administrative offices, police department and public works which would include replacement/reconstruction of the current activity space. Ms. Mason noted that at present all discussions are conceptual and that no decisions have been made. She further noted that, going forward, the PRB would be notified of any movement that impacted the P&R System.

Mr. Bray thanked Ms. Mason for the update.

Adjournment: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm on a motion by Ms. Reichwein, seconded by Ms. Kelly.

Respectfully submitted by:
 Karen A Sweeney, CPRP, CPSI, CPP
 Director of Parks & Recreation

Approved: _____