



## DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Notes: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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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, May 12th, 2015 at the Doylestown Township Administrative office.

- In attendance: John Bray, Jan Suessenguth, Blythe Kelly, Susan Reichwein, Paul DiNella, Robert Salanik, Emily Rehmet, and Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreation
- Absent: Shawn Touhill, BOS Liaison
- Guests: Rick Colello, Joe Salvati, and Stephanie Mason, Township Director

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The meeting notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Jan Suessenguth and second by Susan Reichwein.

#### Visitors:

No Comment.

#### Ongoing / Old Business

##### Kids Castle:

Per Joe Salvati, The “Visit Bucks County” segment on Ch.6 ABC, hosted by Adam Joseph, provided great public exposure of Kids Castle. Hundreds of people were tweeting about this event and it added 50 new Facebook & Twitter members to the Kids Castle social media pages.

Mr. Salvati also reported that previous front amphitheater section of kids Castle has been removed and preparation is underway for the new the 2-5 year old age group section. He anticipates that 4 or 5 new pieces of equipment will be installed by summer.

Additionally, Mr. Joe Salvati has confirmed seven volunteers from the kids Castle committee to help in the upcoming golf outing.

He also sent out 900 emails requesting additional sponsors and players for this event.

##### Sensory Enrichment Trail:

Ms. Sweeney states significant progress has been made in regards to this trail.

We now know the details for all ten pods, i.e. pod placement, costs, designs, etc.

Equipment for each pod has been designated.

With all current contributions, 9 of the 10 pods can be installed.

Pod #10 (or J) needs to be re-invented and has an estimated cost of \$46,583.

Ms. Sweeney also indicates that this trail will not open until 9 of the 10 pods are complete. She has requested an August delivery date and states that all permits are in place.

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##### Amphitheater:

Per Karen Sweeney the amphitheater band shell has been ordered. Foundation pouring is behind schedule and the plans were delayed. Footer inspection was passed per code enforcement.

Ms. Sweeney notes that the foundation had to be more robust due to excessive rebar in the structure and that the concrete will take 28 days to cure once poured.

Ms. Sweeney is unsure of the opening time frame and is hopeful of a July 15<sup>th</sup> date.

Additionally, Ms. Sweeney indicates that they are in the process of looking for affordable and functional LED lighting. Said lighting of choice is \$50 per piece, features different colors and can be operated remotely.

In addition to CB Cares and schools, Ms. Sweeney was contacted by a church who is interested in hosting a National level concert at the amphitheater.

Ms. Sweeney is in the process of researching rental protocol to be put in place. She indicates that the township can control the context of this protocol however, cannot discriminate.

Mr. Bray suggests that we decide which concert will be our 20<sup>th</sup> celebration venue. All members of this board have agreed that this 20<sup>th</sup> celebration concert will be the very first concert that shall take place in this new amphitheater when completed. This celebration will include a ribbon cutting ceremony as well as local youth performances. Anticipated dates as July 15<sup>th</sup> or July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Ms. Rehmet questioned the length of time that the CB Cares group will be allotted to perform at this opening. Ms. Sweeney replied that we first have to figure out the logistics, but perhaps a 30 minute performance would be feasible. Ms. Sweeney also stated that band set up must be kept simple.

It is recommended that the P&R board members volunteer at the opening of each concert to officially welcome all guests and thank the venue sponsors.

Mr. John Davis, from Doylestown Borough, is concerned about low attendance at these concerts. To help boost attendance he is inquiring with local restaurants to provide food for all concerts in the township as well as the Borough.

Mr. DiNella questioned the security of the band shell and suggested installation of motion detected lights. Mr. Bray responded that we are hoping due to the high visibility as well as the close proximity to the police department that security shouldn't be an issue.

## **Other Business**

### Site Visit Schedule 2015 for Sauerman Park and Bridgepoint Park:

It is determined that at our next P&R meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the board will meet at the Township building and then travel to Sauerman Park for a site visit.

### Golf Outing:

Golf outing is June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are in need of as many volunteers as possible

### Sounds of Summer:

Per Ms. Sweeney, we have 8 performances scheduled, 3 of which will be held in Doylestown Borough. Ms. Sweeney indicates that we need more assistance at all concerts. P&R board members have volunteered for each individual concert. It is suggested that all P&R board members attend the August 12<sup>th</sup> concert featuring the Interactive sing-a-long movie.

### Ordinance Revisions:

- \*Firearms: If an individual has a “permit to carry”, they can carry a firearm in the parks.
- \*Drugs and Alcohol: Not permitted in the parks, with the exception of Supervisor approval for special permitted events.
- \*Smoking: Is prohibited in the parks.
- \*Dogs: Must be kept on a physical leash at all times. No electric restraints are permitted.
- \*Golf: Will be prohibited except in designated areas. The current golf area will be removed due to the new trail being installed.
- \*Radio controlled models: Not permitted with the exception if used in connection with a Township sponsored park event.

Ms. Mason confirmed that any violations of our Township codes will be fined up to \$1,000 per offense.

Mr. Bray confirmed that no action is needed to be taken, at this time, by the P& R board and that by consensus the Board is in favor of the revisions.

### Game Grove:

Mr. Bray indicated that there are no trash cans in the Game Grove area and has questioned if they were purchased at the same time the furniture for this area was purchased. Ms. Sweeney and Ms. Mason both indicated that they will have trash cans moved from other areas in the park to this area.

### Director's Update:

Ms. Sweeney has informed the P&R board that Ms. Mason is celebrating her 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Doylestown Township.

We are in need of volunteers for upcoming events as the Home Run Derby & Barkminster.

Touch a Truck was a huge success this year with an estimated 1,500 attendees.

Ms. Sweeney also indicates that the township is experience mowing problems in its parks. Mr. Johns has mailed a letter of concern to the contractor.

Additionally, Ms. Sweeney has informed the board that she was contacted by Bob Whittaker who is interested in incorporating foot golf into the park and that he is willing to pay for it. This was request was reviewed by the board and a consensus determined it to be not feasible at this time due to safety and mosquito concerns.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm on a motion by Ms. Reichwein, seconded by Mr. Salanik.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Blythe Kelly  
Doylestown Park and Recreation Board

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